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*Bedford Fire Department Honor Guard
at Bedford's Pre-Memorial Day Parade on May 23, 2004*

Town Meeting Calendar

Town and School District Elections – Tuesday March 8, 2005

7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. McKelvie School

Budgetary Town Meeting – Thursday March 10, 2005

7:00 p.m. McKelvie School



TOWN DIRECTORY

TOWN OFFICES

24 North Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Tuesday – 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Assessing, Planning and Zoning	472-8104
Auto/Dog/Voter Registration	472-3550
Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates	472-3550
Finance and Personnel.....	472-9869
Parks and Recreation	472-5242
Public Works: Highway and Sewer.....	472-3070
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	472-3550
Town Office – Administration	472-5242

Website: www.bedfordnh.org

SAFETY COMPLEX

55 Constitution Drive, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

Building/Health Code Official/Inspector.....	472-3838
Fire Department – Business Line	472-3219
Police Department - Business Line.....	472-5113
FIRE AND POLICE EMERGENCY LINE.....	911

Website: www.bedfordpd.com

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

3 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH 03110

Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am- 3:00 pm

Telephone..... 472-3032

Website: www.bedford.lib.nh.us

OTHER TOWN DEPARTMENTS

Town Pool, 20 County Road (summer only)..... 472-7331

Transfer Station/Dump, Chubbuck Road| | |
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| Hours: Tuesday – 7:00 am - 5:00 pm | 472-4563 |
| Wednesday through Saturday - 8:30 am – 5:00 pm | |
| (Closed Sunday and Monday) | |

BCTV – Channels 16 & 22, 10 Meetinghouse Road..... 472-8288



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FOR THE
TOWN OF BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE

For the Year Ending December 31, 2004

ELECTED OFFICIALS

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

TOWN COUNCILORS

Michael Scanlon, Chairman	2007
Lori Radke	2007
David Danielson	2006
William Greiner.....	2006
Kevin Keyes.....	2005
William Van Anglen.....	2005
Christopher Bandazian.....	2005

TOWN CLERK

Wanda Jenkins.....	2005
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MODERATOR

Eugene Van Loan, III.....	2006
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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dorothy Witzel.....	2008
Laura Dunn.....	2006
M. Elaine Tefft.....	2010

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Scott Earnshaw	2007
Ryk Bullock.....	2005
Kenneth Grassett	2006

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Richard Tucker.....	2005
Robert Brooks.....	2006
Edward Moran.....	2007

Town Manager	Keith Hickey
Executive Assistant	Martha Gaudes
Assessor	William Ingalls
Building Code Official.....	Wayne Richardson
Environmental Coord.....	Steve Crean
Finance Director.....	Crystal Dionne
Fire Chief.....	Scott Wiggin
Library Director.....	Shirley Barron
Police Chief	David Bailey
Planning Director	Karen White
Public Works Director.....	Jim Stanford
Recreation Director	Craig Sanderson
Town Treasurer	Edith Schmidtchen

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor	Craig Benson
US Senators	Judd Gregg
.....	John Sununu
US Representatives.....	Charles Bass
.....	Jeb Bradley
Executive Councilor	Raymond Wieczorek
State Senator	Sheila Roberge

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE
GENERAL COURT

John Graham
Ken Hawkins
Ed Moran, Jr.
Michael Scanlon



APPOINTED BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING BOARD

Paul Drahnak, Chairman	2006
Jon Levenstein	2006
Debbie Sklar	2005
Harold Newberry	2005
Robert Young	2005
Kevin Keyes, Councilor	
Keith Hickey, Town Manager	
Jim Stanford, Public Works Director	

Alternates

Lori Radke, Councilor	
Michael Burns	2005
John Waterworth	2005
Robert Angelini	2007

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Sandra LaMontagne, Chair	2006
Christopher Bandazian, VChair	2005
William Walsh	2007
Sara Clark	2005
Christopher Bandazian, Councilor	

Alternates

Michael Halliday	2007
Tim Villeneuve	2007
James O'Neil	2007
Michael Scanlon, Councilor	

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mervyn Taub, Chm.	2005
Glenn Boston, Vice Chm.	2006
Jeffrey Nelson	2007
Doris Przybyla	2006
Karen Simmons	2006

Robert Young, Planning Board	
William Van Anglen, Councilor	

Alternates

Anthony Clark	2007
Kermit Zerr	2007
Jon Levenstein, Planning Board	
William Greiner, Councilor	

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Ralph Wiggin, Jr., Chairman	2007
Don Folsom	2005
Doris Spurway	2006

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Greg Zimmermann, Chairman	2005
Beverly Thomas	2005
Paula Pease	2007

Lori Radke, Councilor

Harold Newberry, Planning Board

Alternates

Timmie Maine Miller	2005
William Jean	2006
William Van Anglen, Councilor	
Deb Sklar, Planning Board	

PARKS AND RECREATION

Don Foster, Chairman	2006
Richard Fortin	2005
Jim Morgan	2007
Rick Crews	2006
Mary Selvoski (emeritus)	
Michael Scanlon, Councilor	

Alternates

Sue Thomas	2005
Michael Carbonneau	2007
Christopher Bandazian, Councilor	

BCTV

Doug Pearson	2007
Eugene Mackie	2005
David Kirsch	2006
Robert Thomas	2007
Anne Scanlon, Chair	2007
Robyn Tafoya	2005
William Gannon	2007
Chuck Grau	2007
Ellen McAvoy	2007
William Greiner (Councilor)	
Michael Scanlon (Council alternate)	
Cindy Chagnon (School Board)	

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

Police Chief David Bailey, Chairman	
Chief Scott Wiggin, Fire Dept. Rep.	
Jim Stanford, Director of Public Works	
William Greiner, Councilor	
Gerry Gagne, Resident	2007
Ken Peterson, Resident	2006
Anthony Grande, Resident	2007
David Danielson (Council alternate)	

WATER & SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce Thomas, Chairman	2007
Richard Moore	2006
Paul Goldberg	2005
William Van Anglen, Councilor	
Kevin Keyes, Councilor alternate	
Steve Crean, Wastewater Superintendent	
Karen White, Planning Director	
Keith Hickey, Town Manager	



DEDICATION

This year's Town Report is dedicated to one of Bedford's "Town Servants" who passed away in 2004.



JOHN R. JACOBSON

John was a member of the Bedford Planning Board for 18 years, in addition to serving Bedford residents as a member of numerous other committees during his lifetime. He was a licensed professional engineer in New Hampshire, Vermont & Maine. During his career he was Principal of John R. Jacobson & Associates, a Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and served on the National Council of Examiners for Engineering & Surveying in addition to the New Hampshire Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers. A life-long music aficionado, John was a member of the New Hampshire Philharmonic Orchestra, bassist with the Nashua Symphony and played piano and bass with a variety of jazz and big band orchestras. He was also a licensed private pilot.



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**Budgetary Town Meeting – McKelvie School
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The Budgetary Town Meeting was held on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at McKelvie School. Seated on the stage were Councilors David Danielson, Andrew Egan, William Greiner, Kevin Keyes, Michael Scanlon, Bruce Searing, and Wilham Van Anglen; Keith Hickey, Town Manager; Crystal Dionne, Finance Director; Wanda Jenkins, Town Clerk; Martha Gaudes, Executive Assistant; and Eugene Van Loan, III, Town Moderator. There were approximately 125 people in the audience.

Moderator Van Loan opened the meeting at 7:05 PM, introduced everyone on the stage and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Council Chairman Greiner presented Councilor Searing with a plaque on behalf of the Town Council since this is his last meeting. Mr. Greiner said Mr. Searing has worked very hard over the last 3 years. The newly implemented road program, which is in place today, is a result of his hard work and passion to solving problems in the town. He said Mr. Searing has been a good Councilor and a good friend.

Mr. Searing thanked the people who have supported him in the effort to become a Councilor and to try to have some effect on positive change. He thanked the people who continue to support the positive change that's going on in town. The past 4 years has marked a period of change. Unfortunately with that change comes disagreement. This disagreement can be handled with respect or it can become contentious. He thinks most of us know in which direction our town has gone over the last couple of years. He thinks it is a symptom of society when people come along and they want to change what has been the norm. It creates adversity, and it can be handled in 2 different ways, and he thinks we have gone the wrong way. It has become personal and outrageous. He leaves with a clear conscience that those people he has been associated with, specifically Bill Greiner, Kevin Keyes, a lot of people that have been involved in the high school effort over the last 4 years, even the last 10 years, he leaves with a clear conscience that those people are good people, they're honest

people, they're people that have reasonable intentions. Wanting a high school to educate children is not unreasonable, and the way that these people have gone about the business of trying to get something as positive as this in town, he leaves with a very clear conscience. The opposition to our efforts to effect positive change have become beyond ridiculous. A recent example of this is something he saw on a web site. Bedford CSE is an organization in town that has popped up over the last year, and on their web site they give people a link that they can go to. This link is titled "Still Need a Reason to Vote No?" If you click on this link it takes you to a site that goes through a number of statements that have been made by past presidents, patriotic people that have been pioneers setting the way to our freedom. It goes through different quotes from these people. Then it proceeds to show 20 to 30 pictures from the tragedy September 11, 2001. For these people to link a vote on a high school that is meant to educate people, to link this issue to a tragic event like that is sick. They should be ashamed of themselves. He doesn't think the mentality of these people, he doesn't think they have the capacity to recognize shameful behavior. On a positive note, they are a small group with small minds. On a more positive note, we have a lot of dedicated, passionate people, reasonable people, in this community that will steer us through this, and ultimately reasonableness will prevail.

Moderator Van Loan reviewed the rules of procedure for the meeting. He has received written requests for secret ballots on the 4 warrant articles, # 4, 5, 6 & 7. This request is for a secret ballot on each of the warrant articles and any amendment to the article. He is not going to accept these petitions at this point for secret ballots on amendments because he does not believe it is appropriate to accept a global request for secret ballots on everything that comes up before the meeting. If there are any amendments and if there is a request at the time for a secret ballot, he will accept that. The second way a secret ballot can be requested is immediately after the vote.



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Article 4 – Rescinding of Sewer Bond Authorized and Unissued. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unissued balance, \$404,000 of the bond issue voted on at the March 1981 Town Meeting in Article 4 for the purposes of sewer construction.

Mr. Keyes moved to approve Article 4; motion seconded;

Mr. Keyes said this is a housekeeping item. In 1981 there was bonding approval for a specific sewer project. Subsequent to that bonding some federal grant money became available, and the project was able to be completed for less expense than had been anticipated. There is \$404,000 of bonding capacity that is out there, but had been earmarked for this specific project so we can't take the \$404,000 and use it for another sewer project or any other project in town. It's money we will never spend, and has been sitting on the books for 23 years, and it should be taken off.

Roy Stewart, 19 Hickory Lane, asked what are you going to do with the \$404,000? Mr. Keyes said we are not going to do anything. The money was never raised so we never funded it. It's just an authorization for something we did and didn't spend as much money on. There is no money there. Mr. Stewart was going to suggest if you had that money in cash that you put it towards the Magazine Street project.

Moderator Van Loan asked Mr. Stewart about the request for secret written ballot because his name was first on the list. Mr. Stewart said unless one of the other petitioners has an objection, he would withdraw the petition and go for a voice vote. Moderator Van Loan said you have a right to a secret written ballot. He asked if there is any petitioner who has signed the petition who wants a secret written ballot. If you want it, raise your hand, and we will have it. No one raised their hand.

Vote on motion passed.

Article 5 – Magazine Street Water Extension. Shall the Town, if either Article 2 or 3 are

defeated, raise and appropriate \$364,000 for the extension of a water line on Magazine Street. The source of said funding to be offset by the following revenue sources:

Capital Reserve Withdrawal	\$102,700
Use of Unreserved Fund Balance	\$129,300
Property Tax Revenue	\$132,000

This article will have a \$.07 impact on the tax rate. (This article shall only take effect if either Article 2 or 3 fails).

Mr. Van Anglen moved to accept Article 5; motion seconded.

Mr. Van Anglen said this is designed to help the Council have some flexibility if the bonding does not pass for either the Parks & Rec bond or the Magazine Street bond. It does not make sense to bond just the \$364,000. It is very expensive to do that. If one or the other of those 2 bonds doesn't pass, we were planning on combining them and bonding at a higher amount, which would save money. If one of them does not pass on the ballot next Tuesday, this is the alternative funding mechanism to be able to fund this project.

Mr. Van Anglen said this project was caused by the Town. When we built the salt and distribution center over by the Transfer Station, as trucks come in and are loaded with salt, the salt has been falling off the trucks into the ground water and has been polluting the people's wells in that area, so we have an obligation to fix that situation for the people on Magazine Street. The piping that would be put in is in compliance and in the correct size so if we ever needed to, long term, extend it down Wallace Road, we won't have to dig the pipe up and put in a bigger diameter pipe.

Moderator Van Loan said Articles 2 and 3, which are referred to in this Article 5, will be voted on next Tuesday on the written ballot. These are bond issues and will be voted on by ballot. This Article 5 is a conditional article that only takes effect if either Article 2 or Article 3 does not pass next Tuesday.



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Gus Garceau, 218 North Amherst Road, said Article 3 is exactly the same amount of money as you have in Article 5. Article 2 is an extra \$200,000 and change. How do they relate?

Mr. Van Anglen said bonding just \$364,000 alone because of the low dollar amount would cost an additional \$20,000 in bonding fees, so the intent was if both passed to combine the two to save that money. If Article 3 doesn't pass, we still need to fix the situation. If Article 2 doesn't pass, it doesn't make sense just to bond the \$364,000 because of that additional \$20,000. The Council is looking for the flexibility to be able to save the town some money if one of those two doesn't pass.

Mr. Garceau said if Article 2 fails and 3 passes? Mr. Van Anglen said we are not going to bond \$364,000. We would raise it through this method.

Mr. Garceau asked if Article 3 fails and 2 passes, what happens with Article 5? Mr. Van Anglen said we will still use Article 5. Mr. Garceau asked if you are going to bond \$580,000 less \$364,000? Mr. Van Anglen said no. It's \$580,000 plus \$364,000, so if \$364,000 didn't pass, we would bond only \$580,000. If Article 2 passes and Article 3 doesn't, the Town would have said bond \$580,000. If Article 2 fails and Article 3 passes, then the Town would say bond \$364,000. If you pass Article 5 tonight, it allows the Council to say, let us save an additional \$20,000.

Moderator Van Loan said Articles 2 and 3 are bond issues. Article 5 is not a bond issue. It is to raise the money through a combination of taking money out of Capital Reserve Fund, Unreserved Fund Balance, and \$132,000 is raised out of taxes. What Mr. Van Anglen was saying was if Article 2 passes and Article 3 does not pass, and Article 5 passes, the Council would intend to bond Article 2 and utilize Article 5 to do the Magazine Street water line extension, which in part will come out of your tax money. If Article 2 fails and Article 3 passes, and Article 5 passes, they have the option to either bond it under the authority of Article 3 or use Article 5 which is partially out of tax money and partially out of Capital Reserve Fund. They are saying they would use Article 5 because it is

too expensive to bond something as small as \$364,000 by itself.

Mr. Searing said we are saying that \$364,000 is too small of an amount to bond, but that \$580,000 is not too small. In anything like this there is an economic feasibility break point. In calculating the numbers, the Council has come to the conclusion that we are willing to bond \$580,000 from an economic feasibility standpoint, but we're not willing to bond the \$364,000, or we're willing to bond \$364,000 and \$580,000 together if they both pass.

Jim Morgan, 39 Riddle Drive, said if Article 5 passes, and Article 2 and 3 fail, that is a 7-cent tax impact in 2004. Correct? Mr. Van Anglen said yes. Mr. Morgan said if Article 2 and 3 passes, the tax impact is a little less than 7 cents but it doesn't come into effect until 2005. Mr. Van Anglen said correct.

Mr. Stewart said he knows you are taking out of unreserved fund balance \$129,300. Is that the total amount that is left in the unreserved fund balance? Mr. Hickey said no, we have approximately \$2.3 million left in unreserved fund balance.

Mr. Stewart asked then why wouldn't you take the whole amount as well instead of taxing us for that? Mr. Hickey said typically you want to keep a fund balance of 5% to 10% of your budget. We're just below 5 cents now because we took over \$400,000 out in 2003 to fund the revaluation. The bonding we have been able to do over the last couple of years, the interest rates we have enjoyed getting, has been because we have an extremely high bond rating because of our fund balance and our financial situation. It does not make sense to take money out of unreserved fund balance to pay for a project like this because we need to continue to build that fund balance up to an appropriate level.

Mr. Stewart said since it was caused by the Town, the Town should pay, and we've got the money there. You're talking \$132,000, that's all, out of \$3 million. Mr. Hickey said \$2 million. Mr.



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Stewart recommended people vote yes on this article but he would like to see you take more out of the fund balance.

Mr. Stewart made an amendment that the additional \$132,000 be taken out of the Unreserved Fund Balance so there would be no tax increase; motion seconded;

Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird Drive, asked the Council, is it your position that taking this money out of the reserve fund would impact or potentially could impact our bond rating so that we pay higher interest rates, and therefore it would be counter productive and lead to higher taxes, not lower taxes, to do that? Mr. Hickey said yes. Although it may save \$132,000 this year, there will be a potential negative impact in the future. We were just able to refund the Library and Safety Complex bonds that were bonded 8 and 10 years ago, those rates range from 5.2% to 6%. Because of our bond rating, we were able to reduce our interest rate on those 2 bonds to an average over the balance of the 10 years left on the bonds of 2.98%. The risk you have in taking additional monies out of unreserved fund balance is if we are able to go back out and refinance bonds or finance bonds in the future, we may not enjoy the same interest rate because investors will see us at a little higher risk, and the bond rating companies will not rate us at the high quality we currently enjoy. Mr. Stull said that makes sense to him.

Mr. Searing said the Town Manager's explanation was technical, and that addresses the bond rating issue. The unreserved fund balance is a rainy day fund, and it is smart to have some reserve in the event of emergencies. The unreserved fund balance is savings. The Council felt taking a portion of it from unreserved fund was the smart thing to do, but not taking all of it, not reducing the unreserved fund balance even further.

Paul Johrde, 35 Magazine Street, asked what funds were used in 1996-1997 to pay for the new well at the north end of the Town Maintenance Facility and the pipeline extending from the well over to Magazine Street and down Magazine

Street to Bemis' lot and also the tap lines to 8 houses which were all done at no cost to the individuals. This problem started in 1996. The new well was put in to alleviate this, and the new well turned out to be rusty. When the water line came down to Riddle Brook School, it was then extended down Wallace to Chubbuck, over to this well and also to the Maintenance Facility. All of us then received water from Pennichuck. There was never anything published about this. Three more houses last fall had contamination. He was told, long ago, by Steve Crean (Environmental Specialist) that the problem was all solved, but apparently it wasn't solved because you have 3 more contaminated wells. Whatever happened to the correction to the facility in the last 8 years, and where did the money come from?

Mr. Hickey said the water contamination problem began in 1996. There were 1 or 2 houses back then who provided documentation to the Town that their well was contaminated by road salt. At that time there was no municipal water running down New Boston Road. The only option the Town had at that point was to drill a well, which is located in the parking lot of the Babe Ruth Field on Chubbuck Road. They ran a 2" water line into Magazine Street and connected the homes that had a problem. Since 1996, we have been contacted periodically by homeowners on Magazine Street who have provided documentation that their well water has been contaminated by road salt. At this time we have 10 homes on Magazine Street that are connected to municipal water. Recently this past fall we were contacted by 3 additional residents on Magazine Street who informed us and provided documentation that their wells were contaminated by road salt. Because we initially were only able to put a 2" line in because all we had in 1996 was a well, the existing 2" line is not large enough to supply water to any additional homes. We are proposing to run an 8" water line down Wallace Road to Magazine Street and then run an 8" water line the entire length of Magazine Street that will allow us to connect the 3 homes that are now in need of being connected and to connect future homes if people so choose or if by some chance there is additional salt



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contamination of wells, we will be able to connect those houses as well.

Mr. Johrde asked if you continue to predict salt problems? He thought that was corrected and that there was a new facility properly underlined with concrete or plastic, and that the problem would never exist again. Mr. Hickey said there was no new salt shed constructed. In the 2004 budget there are funds appropriated to construct a salt shed at another location on the Public Works property, so we are resolving the problem of contamination in the wells on Magazine Street. He can't promise that there isn't going to be another property on Magazine Street that isn't going to be contaminated because there is contamination in the ground now, but we are taking steps to correct the problem, so hopefully in the near future this section of town that has had water contamination from road salt will not grow any larger.

Mr. Johrde said since 1997 when he moved in, it has continued to seep all the way to now, and no one has done anything to the salt storage facility, is that right? Mr. Hickey said that is correct.

Sue Holstein, 33 Ministerial Branch, asked what projects do we anticipate bonding, and does this affect school bonding also? Mr. Hickey said it will affect any bonding the Town or School District is approved for in the future. When we refinanced the Safety Complex and the Library bond, we enjoyed \$193,000 interest savings over the 10 years.

Ms. Holstein said depending on what other things pass or don't pass this year, this could have a significant impact down the road? Mr. Hickey said it may not be just this year. The bonding agencies are going to look at what fund balance is on an annual basis whenever we go out to look at either refunding bonds or financing new projects, so it could have an effect potentially into the future as well.

Edward Comiskey, 12 Three Corners Road, said this article has 2 restrictions on it. First, it is contingent on either Article 2 or 3 failing. If they

both pass this article is moot. The second is, this is also restricted so the funds are only available for the extension of the water line. They could not be used for anything else. If Article 2 fails and Article 3 passes, this \$364,000 would only be for the water line extension? Mr. Hickey said correct. Mr. Comiskey said then we would have a bonded article that we don't want to bond, so that 23 years from now we'll come in and clean up this item. Moderator Van Loan said that is correct.

Mr. Comiskey asked what remediation has been done at the salt storage facility, and the answer is we are planning to do it sometime this year? Mr. Hickey said yes, we are planning on constructing a new salt shed in 2004. We have done some things to try to improve the situation that currently exists. We don't allow trucks to travel on Chubbuck Road any more from the salt shed. We have a different route they leave from, so we have tried to do some minor remediation to resolve the problem. Obviously it hasn't worked, and there have been a couple of years where we had no additional people come forward with a problem. We do want to try and resolve this problem once and for all. This plan follows the water master plan we had done for the entire town. If and when water lines need to be expanded into the future in places that don't have water lines now, this 8" water line will satisfy our needs for the foreseeable future.

Mr. Comiskey asked if there has been any testing of wells further up Magazine Street to see if the problem has expanded beyond Magazine Street? Mr. Hickey said the Town has not done any testing of wells outside of the Magazine Street area. Mr. Comiskey asked if there is any consideration of doing so? Mr. Hickey said yes.

Mr. Comiskey said in this year's operating budget, what is the budgeted addition to the unreserved fund balance? Is there an amount to be added to the unreserved fund balance? Mr. Hickey said no.

Ann Hoffman, 64 Cider Mill Road, asked for a history of the unreserved fund, and when it was developed, why it was developed, and some of the history of why it is there. She understands it



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came out of the depression and town's going bankrupt. Mr. Hickey said it is really our safety net for unexpected expenses that may come up or large expenses that may come up from year to year. In 1996 it was under \$300,000. Since that time the Council has been very dedicated to trying to increase it to a more reasonable and acceptable level. That has put us in a much better position if we have to borrow money. The unreserved fund balance typically increases year to year. If the operating budget this year is \$14.5 million, if we receive revenues from different sources that total \$14.6 million, unreserved fund balance would increase by \$100,000. If we received \$100,000 less than what we expect in revenues, unreserved fund balance would decrease by \$100,000. The same explanation could be used on the appropriation side. If we don't spend everything we're asking for, unreserved fund balance increases. Those 2 variables have been why we have been able to manage unreserved fund balance to get it from \$300,000 to the \$2.3 million that we have at the end of 2003.

Ms. Hoffman asked what is the percentage that we need of the total operating budget to have a strong enough fund balance to have the best bond rating? Mr. Hickey said the rule the that State has adopted is 5% to 10% of the total operating budget of the school and town. We are just under 5%. Ms. Hoffman said using money at this point puts us well below what is advisable for the best bond rating. Mr. Hickey said it will reduce the unreserved fund balance from the \$2.3 million to \$2.2 or \$2.1 range which he can't promise will have an adverse effect on our bond rating, but one of the reasons we have a strong bond rating is that bond rating agencies have seen that the Council and the Town have had discipline in not using unreserved fund balance to try to balance their operating budget.

Michael Iarrobino, 48 Magazine Street, said he has been starting to see some salt in his water. He asked if you are going to extend the line all the way down Magazine Street. Mr. Hickey said correct all the way to Jackson Square. Mr. Iarrobino doesn't know if his levels are high enough to qualify now. He asked what is the

procedure in terms of what levels of salt you consider hooking somebody up? Mr. Hickey said for him to contact him, and he will be happy to talk about the acceptable levels. We typically asked the homeowner to test the water and bring in the results to let us know what is in that water and if it is impacted by the salt.

Mr. Searing said this is something that has to be done. We have a neighborhood that is being contaminated by a salt pile. Salt containment facilities have been around more than 5 or 10 years. It's unfortunate that we have to spend any of this money, but the reason we have to spend it is because we didn't do this 10 years ago or 5 years ago. We thought this problem was remedied. It was addressed, but not addressed effectively. This addresses it effectively. If it was addressed effectively 5 years ago or 10 years ago it would have been cheaper to do it, and we wouldn't even be talking about taking \$123,000 out of the reserve fund or \$102,000 out of capital reserve, and we wouldn't be talking about increasing taxes by 7 cents for this year, but we've got to do it.

Mr. Danielson said there was an anticipation back in the early 90's that we were going to have to go through a reval at some time. The Council wanted to try to mitigate the impact of the reval so they started to lay money aside back then in anticipation of the potential impact of the reval. The upside to that is now we are required to do 20% a year for reval, so every 5 years the town will be revaluated instead of going through this 17 year cycle we just went through.

Mr. Stewart agrees this must be done. The Town has a responsibility to do it. If this article fails, and Article 3 fails, we do have an emergency. Where would you take the money from to pay for this? Wouldn't it come out of the unreserved fund balance? Mr. Hickey said we don't have any authority to take money out of the unreserved fund balance if Article 5 fails. What we would have to do is go back and make \$364,000 worth of cuts in the operating budget, which at this point we don't have an exact line item on what we would be doing with that. There are a number of



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different things. Obviously every town service in one way or another would be affected by having to do something like that.

Kathleen Bemis, 37 Magazine Street, said you budgeted \$364,000 to extend the water line from one end of Magazine Street to Jackson Square. Does that \$364,000 include hooking up the additional 10 or 12 homes immediately? Mr. Hickey said it does not. At this point we know of 3 houses that are contaminated and need to be connected that we will use a portion of the \$364,000 for. Ms. Bemis said having lived through this process and having the street dug up, there is also \$506,000 allotted for paving Magazine Street. It seems odd that you wouldn't just go ahead and hook up those additional 10 homes with the thought of we know they're going to have a problem, and then not have to go through the repaving and the cost of that again.

Mr. Hickey said we will be running the water line the entire length of Magazine Street and leaving a water connection stub at the property line on the edge of the road for each property that is not currently connected, so if in the future a property either has to connect because of road salt issues, or chooses to connect themselves, there will be no disturbance to the road itself. It will be on the side of the road.

Vote on the motion to amend Article 5 to increase the amount referred to as use of unreserved fund balance from \$129,300 to \$261,300 and to eliminate the property tax revenue portion of this article. Vote on motion failed.

Mr. Garceau said we have established that this has to be done, whether we approve this or it is stolen from other parts of the budget. Article 3 requires a 2/3 vote and Article 5 requires 50%. Why not just cancel Article 3 and do it? Moderator Van Loan said we can't. It is on the warrant and there is nothing you can do about anything on the warrant that has to be voted upon by the ballot. Mr. Garceau said 2 or 3 can't be amended today? Moderator Van Loan said no.

Mr. Garceau asked if Article 3 passes or it does not pass, and Article 5 passes, then we pay for Article 3. If they both fail, we pay for Article 3. How does Article 2 get into this? Are you going to take the \$364,000 and use it against the \$580,000. Mr. Van Anglen said no. They are separate items. Mr. Garceau said if the phrase "either Article 2 or" is removed from this article, does it change it? Mr. Van Anglen said yes because it doesn't allow us to combine the \$364,000 and the \$580,000 if both pass on the ballot to get a better bond cost. That is the intent of 2 or 3. Mr. Garceau said you are talking about if they pass. He said you just defined that it is better to bond \$580,000 and \$364,000 together. If Article 2 passes and Article 3 passes, then this whole discussion of \$364,000 goes away? Mr. Van Anglen said right.

John Graham, 8 Ministerial Circle, moved to call the question. Vote on motion passed.

Vote on Article 5 as printed passed.

Mr. Scanlon said we had a request for a secret ballot. Moderator Van Loan said we have a request for a secret ballot, and we are ready to proceed with it. Mr. Stewart, one of the signers of the petition, said he wishes to withdraw the petition for secret ballot. Moderator Van Loan asked if anyone who signed it wants it, they can have it. No one came forward, so the voice vote stands.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$14,539,408
Police Special Detail	428,500
Recreation Day Camp	130,090
Bedford Comm. TV	285,000
Special Revenue Funds	89,200
Sewer Fund	946,723
Total Appropriation	\$16,418,921



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Moderator Van Loan reviewed the budget by line item under the 2004 Town Council recommended budget column.

Unallocated reserve – Dick Stonner, 36 South Hills Drive, said there was a statement made that there was no money set aside for the unallocated reserve fund. Should it be \$100,000 and not zero? Mr. Hickey doesn't recall a statement made that there was no money in unallocated reserve. We talked about unreserved fund balance, but there is \$100,000 budgeted for unallocated reserve.

Fire Department Operations – David Gaudes, 16 Belmont Court, made a motion to increase this line by \$250,000 to more adequately staff the Fire Dept. with 5 additional people; motion seconded. Mr. Gaudes said his scanner is the reason why he feels it is very important that he present this addition. For the past 7 years, his scanner is on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. There are too many instances when the Bedford ambulance, usually accompanied by Engine 4, are out, and a second call comes in, and there are not adequate personnel in the firehouse to respond to the second call. Too many times a call goes to Manchester for mutual aid for an ambulance, and the reply comes back that Manchester is not available. On a recent mutual aid call, Manchester dispatched an ambulance 7 minutes after the call went to Manchester. The longest time he has heard when a mutual aid call was made for an ambulance to the time the ambulance arrived on the scene was 23 minutes. The Town is growing and personnel in the Fire Dept. are not. In comparison, Manchester has 10 firehouses, and at least 5 of them are manned with a truck and an engine with adequate personnel for each piece of equipment. Last year Manchester made many mutual aid calls which Bedford responded to showing that even with their 10 firehouses they cannot adequately serve their population sometimes. Manchester has approximately 100,000 people with 10 firehouses, we have approximately 20,000 people with one, and Bedford and Manchester have approximately the same amount of land acreage. The latest ICMA report shows the lowest amount of personnel in fire departments in a town like ours is Bedford.

In budgeting by department heads for 2004, Chief Wiggan requested 5 more personnel and got none. It costs approximately \$50,000 per year for each additional person including salary, benefits and training. With so many youngsters and a growing senior population, he thinks they deserve adequate protection.

Mark Stull asked what would be the tax rate impact of the \$250,000, and is there anybody on the Council who feels that the Fire Dept. is adequately staffed and this money is completely unnecessary? Mr. Danielson said the Council spent a number of hours discussing this. The bottom line, in answer to the question, is we understand that we have to go forward with more staffing. There is another substation potentially going to be available on Route 3. The tax rate impact would be 13 cents. The essence of the conversation of the Council was that in anticipation of federal funds being available, similar to the COPS grant, we would be able to additionally staff more firefighters and EMT's with a combination of federal and town funds. The decision of the Council was to wait until the federal government made that decision and made those funds available.

Whether or not those funds become available becomes academic because then we are going to have to decide what to do if they don't become available. He heard that legislation may go through federally, but if it does, it will be the largest thousand cities that would get impact.

Mr. Danielson said we are aware of the concern. We are aware that we have to make accommodations for that, but there are greater things we have to look at. For example, currently we have 2 ambulances. We probably would need at least one more ambulance. It would appear that we are right on target as far as average in the US. We feel we should have greater coverage because of some of the issues Mr. Gaudes pointed out and some of his (Mr. Danielson's) neighbors have pointed out some difficulties they have had on his street. The sense of the Council was at this time to wait and see if federal funds would come available. If they do not become available, then



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the step would be to move forward during the coming year and plan for how we are going to augment that force. If we put a substation on Route 3, where it is anticipated to be going, we'd also like to staff that with at least a minimum of 4 per shift, so we would be looking for at least an additional 12 firefighters.

Mr. Stull asked if the federal funds become available and this amendment passes, could the Council spend the \$250,000 for something else and could it also not spend the money? Moderator Van Loan said yes and yes.

Dennis Grimes, 57 Bracken Circle, in the last 16 years he has been here, the Town has about doubled in size. How's the Fire Dept. personnel as far as its growth? Has it doubled in the last 15 years or has it kept up with the growth of the town? Mr. Scanlon said 15 years ago we had 2 firefighters around the clock, and today we have 4. If we go back to 1999, we have added 4 new firefighters to our original staffing, which was 15, which is a 26% increase over that period. We looked at the number of calls we have had. We can't go back past 2001 because they changed the way they record so the numbers weren't relevant. Since 2001 to 2003 we have had a 14% increase in the number of calls, so we had a staffing increase of 26% and an increase in calls of 14%. One of the other things we have looked at over that period of time is we've negotiated our first 2 contracts with the firefighters, and are compensating them much better than we were before that time. Not only have we had the increased cost of adding new firefighters, but we are also spending a considerably larger amount of money paying the ones we currently have and retaining them. We have not had any turnover in the past year and a half. We are retaining the people we have, and the town is being adequately covered. We are fighting two problems. We have to get them up to pay so we don't keep losing our firefighters, and we have to add firefighters. We believe we have the pay issue straightened out. Senator Gregg was at the Town Offices a week or so ago, and he was talking about the money we got for Hardy/Jenkins Road. Mr. Scanlon asked him specifically if he felt in next year's federal

appropriations would we see some firefighter grants, and he assured him that they were looking at that, and that would be part of the appropriation. He did say that their emphasis was going to be on the top 1,000 risk cities in the US, but he agreed if we gave him a plan and the number of firefighters we were looking to add, that he would do everything he could to have those firefighters added into the appropriation in the Senate.

Mr. Grimes said if you take other towns the size of Bedford with the population of Bedford and the area, has anyone done a comparison to see what they have for staff to cover the same geographical area? He grew up in a town the same size as Bedford, and they had 3 or 4 fire stations. He asked if the New Boston air station covers us? Mr. Scanlon said that doesn't exist any longer. That was an agreement we had and it is no longer in effect. Mr. Grimes said it seems like that was a pretty good deal for Bedford because it covered that area of town. Have we ever thought about funding personnel to work out there? Mr. Hickey said the New Boston Tracking Station agreement was something that was very worthwhile and was working for a period of time. What was supposed to happen was the communities of New Boston, Amherst and Bedford were supposed to be working together to provide equipment and personnel. Ultimately what happened was Bedford was the only community providing personnel, and it was the Fire Chief's decision at that time that the staffing at the New Boston Tracking Station was not the best place to put staffing. The best place was for everyone to be at the central station on Route 101. We have looked at different communities, and there are communities that have more firefighters than Bedford. We also looked at Goffstown who have firefighters from 8 to 5 Monday through Friday, and rely on call members for the rest of the evenings and weekends. Amherst, although it doesn't have as many residents, they have 2 full time firefighters. The bottom line is we certainly are aware that there are staffing concerns in the Fire Dept., and we have increased over the last 5 years from 3 people per shift to 4 people per shift. We have 19 full time firefighters excluding the



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Chief and the 2 Captains. Those staffing levels have been in place for a year. We have had no turnover. If this Town Meeting gave him \$250,000 to spend on anything in the budget, he wouldn't spend \$250,000 on the Fire Dept. He might spend some of that on the Fire Dept., but certainly not \$250,000.

Ms. Hoffman said in the 2003 expended year to date there is \$1.6 million, and you are recommending \$1.25 million. Why did we expend so much more this past year, and why there is about a \$350,000 reduction. Mr. Danielson said it was \$336,000 that was expended last year for vehicles, and that's the major difference.

Tim Villeneuve, 10 Gage Road, he hears good conversation about population growth in town and the ratio of firehouses, and then he heard a comment about the thousand high risk cities qualifying for federal funding. Where does Bedford fit into that, whereas Manchester Airport has grown, and for the most part we are adjacent to Manchester as far as the flight path. In the event of an accident or tragedy, are we looking into sources of federal funding from the Department of Homeland Security or FEMA? Did you engage in that conversation with Senator Gregg? Mr. Danielson said no we did not have that conversation with Senator Gregg. We have engaged in that conversation with the airport authorities. Have we asked about monies that are going to be available in case of an emergency? The answer was there was no monies available. They felt they could respond very quickly and very readily from the airport to a site here, particularly once we get the access road. We have engaged in discussions, but we haven't come to any resolutions yet. There is a fire station just to the north side right next to Silo's Restaurant in Merrimack. We talked about that being responsive to our southern side if we got into a problem with the airport. The Airport Authority was not very encouraging about having funds available to us.

Mr. Villeneuve requested that we continue those discussions. Mr. Danielson said we will.

Edie Schmidtchen, Joppa Hill Road, said her concern is the water availability if her house burns. Have you adequate pumping of some of our water sources so that if you get to her house you can pump somewhere so you will have water? Have you taken care of getting hydrants or whatever to take the water out of some of these ponds? Mr. Danielson said the pond next to Mr. Brown's house is available and the one across the street from her house. Also, the tanker capacity has increased with the recent acquisitions we have had. Ms. Schmidtchen said that's the problem lots of time is your water supply.

Dave Fish, 70 Col. Daniels Drive, said what he is hearing is the recommendation of the Council is it is adequate, you are looking into it. His question is would the Fire Chief go along with that as saying it is adequate? Mr. Danielson said the Chief asked for 5 more people, so obviously the Chief has a plan in mind, and it was anticipating the onset of the station on South River Road. The Council has a concern overall regardless of that station as to how we can get to a satisfactory level as quickly as possible in a planning process. The anticipation we have of what the Council wanted to do was take a look and see if those funds were going to be available from the federal government. That would give us a lot of flexibility in getting more aggressive about staffing. We feel we should be more aggressive. Our tactics were to see if we would have that funding.

Henry Magee, 14 Brookview Terrace, said it is his understanding the Council feels we should wait. He understands it would cost 13 cents per thousand. He understands that Goffstown and others have only a few people. It is his understanding that Bedford, 25 years ago had a full volunteer department. If your house is # 2, you may not have anybody there to put the fire out. If it's # 1, you have a good chance. If Manchester calls us to assist through mutual aid, our force is reduced. For 14 cents we are going to wait until we may get funds from the federal government. We have some dreams about Bedford going forward with some other projects that are going to cost far more than what this would ever come to. For the safety of your children and his



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wife and your wives, if you are # 2 or # 3, and we are understaffed.

Mr. Danielson said the concern today is truly EMT support and ambulance response. Our perception of the fire service has changed dramatically. It's not just fire response that we looked at, we are looking at the response for EMT support and paramedic support that we need to have. The other thing we have considered is the changing demographics. The faster growing population in Bedford is over 45. The Chief has gone about this in a very good way in that he is encouraging a number of the businesses to have portable EKG equipment. Many of our cruisers have portable defibrillators. We are trying to get not just a departmental response, but a community response to this understanding of the change in demographics.

Mr. Magee said if it was just EMT's that you are talking about, he doesn't believe that's what the \$250,000 was about. Having gone through open heart surgery, and a recent automobile accident and having an ambulance come 20 minutes afterwards, he can understand why the department wants more people.

Mr. Fish said he is hearing the \$250,000 could go anywhere. Is there anyone on the Council that wants to speak to what they would recommend we do because the population here is going to say \$250,000, but is there a recommendation that we should do a little different?

Mr. Danielson said the answer is the budget that we vote on is a bottom line budget, so when we add \$250,000, in this particular case we are adding it to this particular item. In fact, once the budget is passed, the Council is at liberty to use the money anywhere. In practice, the Council looks to see where the money was increased, and has tried to make sure that the wishes of the town have been addressed. The Council is very aware of the intent of the town when the town has made changes either to a negative or positive on the budget.

Vote on the amendment to increase the budget by

\$250,000 in the area of fire operations failed.

A division was requested which showed 59 yes and 59 no. Someone asked if a motion fails on a tie. Moderator Van Loan said it does, but he has a concern that someone was walking around. A request was then received for a secret ballot, which was held.

Mr. Grimes asked about the \$39,000 for bus service. He asked how much benefit do we get out of that as far as the public? Are there a lot of ridership of Bedford residents, or is it more Manchester residents coming to Wal-Mart, etc? What route does it take? Mr. Danielson said the Southern NH Regional Planning Commission gets reports from the Manchester Transit Authority, which runs the buses. That route runs from Manchester down South River Road to CCT, stops at the Malls, Wal-Mart. It is the only profitable line that they run. There are a number of folks who come in from the city to work. The benefit would be a reduction in automobile traffic. The other benefit is it brings shoppers into the area. The price has stayed the same for at least 6 or 7 years. Mr. Grimes asked if it was ever thought of going to the center of Bedford. Moderator Van Loan said we are getting off track. Mr. Danielson told Mr. Grimes to call him, and he will talk to him about more information. He said we have talked about it, and it does not appear to have a need right now.

Mr. Iarrobino said you said the bus is the only profitable line they have. Why are we paying so much if it is such a profitable thing? Mr. Danielson said the fee has stayed the same. Profitable would mean it is covering it's cost. It is a subsidized system.

Result of the secret ballot showed 68 yes and 69 no, so the amendment fails.

Someone made a motion to amend the Fire Department Operation budget by \$100,000; motion seconded.

The maker of the motion said he felt the previous amount was a little heavy. He thinks this will



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give them the ability to add up to 2 people. This is a little more reasonable. He thinks we have a sense here that the people want to increase it, and this will probably be a more reasonable alternative.

Voice vote on amendment was too difficult to tell, so a standing vote was taken which showed 75 yes and 52 no, so the amendment passed.

Road resurfacing – Mr. Stonner said it is listed at \$2 million and last year it was voted at \$1.17 million, and a little under \$1.1 million was spent. In the summary, it looks like \$200,982,400 was for reconstruction, rehabilitation and resurfacing and over \$1,017,000 for the principal and interest of the road bond. Does that mean while nearly doubling our road resurfacing and reconstruction budget that less work was done than the previous year because of the cost of bonding, principal and interest payments?

Mr. Searing said in the calendar year 2003, approximately \$3.1 million was spent on the road program. Approximately \$1 million of that was from the operating budget, \$2 million approximately from the \$8 million road bond that was issued in 2003. This year for 2004, it is proposed that \$1 million approximately from that \$2 million line would be spent on the road management program. A little over \$1 million would pay the bond interest and the principal, and \$3 million is being allocated from the \$8 million bond so the total money expended for 2004 would be approximately \$5 million. In the road management program that was presented by the Director of Public Works, he is allocating potentially more in 2004 from the road bond, but it wouldn't necessarily be spent, but committed in 2004 because contracts would be signed.

Mr. Stonner does not see the \$3 million or \$4 million you are talking about. He asked how much is being spent on roads this year for resurfacing and reconstruction? Mr. Searing said in 2004 the Director of Public Works is proposing approximately \$4 million. Mr. Stonner said it does not show under the appropriations in the Town Report. Is that correct? Mr. Searing said

that is correct. The bond payment, interest and principal is what shows on that line item.

Recreation fields - Ginny Burke, 46 Meadowcrest Drive, asked if we are going to allocate \$193,925 for fields, and we are asked to bond \$580,000? Is part of that money going to be also used to improve fields? Mr. Keyes said the majority of the money for the fields is for regular wages and the associated benefits. Ms. Burke asked if the \$193,925 is for salaries? Mr. Keyes said no, there is salaries and benefits \$80,000. The other major item in that number is \$47,000 for a new parks mower. Out of that \$47,000 over \$36,000 has already been capital reserved. There is no money allocated for any repairs or new fields in this year's Parks & Rec budget.

Ms. Burke said so \$11,000 of this \$193,925 is for this piece of equipment? Moderator Van Loan said let's not confuse revenues and expenditures. The question is what is the \$193,925 being spent on. Mr. Keyes said there are 30 line items. The major ones are wage and salaries \$80,000, electricity \$12,000, \$20,000 repairs and maintenance, \$9,000 for equipment rental and leasing with the majority of that for port-a-potties. There is \$47,000 for the mower, which \$36,000 has already been reserved so only \$11,000 is hitting. Moderator van Loan said no. The whole \$47,000 is in the \$193,925.

Moderator Van Loan said the question is what is the relationship between the \$193,925 and Article 2 which is to spend \$580,000. Mr. Keyes said the money that is proposed in the bond is completely separate from the money that's in the \$193,925. Ms. Burke asked for a little more information on the \$580,000. Mr. Keyes said primarily total repair and reconstruction of existing fields, lighting of Legacy Field, acquisition of equipment, but the majority of the money is for existing field repair and reconstruction. Ms. Burke said some of this equipment is in anticipation of needing it in the future? Mr. Keyes said that we would need next year.

Ms. Burke asked if these are needs or wants? Mr. Keyes said that is something people are going to



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have to decide when they vote on it. People on the Parks & Rec Committee feels they are needs.

Ms. Burke heard that the fastest growing population in this community is 45 and over. Are we spending this kind of money on fields, yet we may have some other needs for the 45 and over population that perhaps are not being met? Would it be a fair suggestion that when you are doing the budget next year could you take a look at the fastest growing segment of the community?

Mr. Searing said everything that we do up here is balancing needs and wants of all age ranges. This Council has done an excellent job of trying to achieve that. The \$580,000 bond that is Article 2, you asked are these needs or wants. The vast majority of that are needs. It's up to people's judgment in terms of whether these needs are in the next 12 months or whether we can push it out 3 years or 5 years from now like the town has done for some time on the roads. You've seen what road conditions have developed as a result of people voting in the past feeling that we didn't need to repair the roads. That was considered a want. The majority of that \$580,000 is directed at things that will have to be done. The Council, based on the recommendation of a committee that did an evaluation and came up with a proposal of a way to address these needs in a cost efficient way at a time when interest rates are at the lowest they have been in 40 years, and at a time when the cost of doing this work, there are certain fields that are in very bad condition because they haven't been kept up, or they are in bad condition because they were constructed poorly, and the longer you delay repairing some of these situations the more it is going to cost you.

Ms. Burke wonders how many fields we have today versus how many we had 10 years ago. How much money we are spending today versus 10 years ago versus population increase. Has it increased at an appropriate rate for the fields as well as for police and fire. Have the police and fire expenditures increased at the same rate as the increase in the fields and recreation?

Moderator Van Loan thinks we are going to get off track here. We are not voting tonight on Article 2, although it is relevant to the recreation budget, but what you have in front of you is a recreation budget that includes the fields \$193,000. You can move it up, you can move it down or you can leave it alone. When it comes to Article 2, that is a separate issue that will be dealt with on the ballot next week. There is nothing you can do about Article 2 tonight. Ms. Burke asked the Council to think in terms of how we best spend our money looking at the entire population. She asked a guesstimate of how much the Recreation Dept. expenditure increased in the last 10 years. Mr. Danielson said he can't.

Mr. Fish applauded the Council. Last year they said wait. We want to evaluate, we want to have a commission put together to look at the fields. What the Council has put forth in here, you looked at the fields. The wisdom will be that you will look at the police and fire.

Mr. Comiskey said obviously the fields are used mostly for youth programs. The Town has some recreational programs, but the largest are the Bedford Soccer League, Little League, which are independent organizations. Of the funds expended for fields and field maintenance, how much is recovered from those organizations from user fees? Mr. Searing said the town leagues, specifically the Soccer League, over the last 5 to 7 years have spent more on building fields than the town has.

Sue Thomas, 36 Glen Road, said there is going to be some discussion about user fees for the various leagues. People need to understand not only have leagues invested in building fields, but the reason why the town hasn't had to pay a lot to keep our fields the way they are is because the people have done that. There are problems with those fields that we can't fix. Selvoski Softball Field has a major drainage problem. Those are the types of things the average person can't fix. They need to be repaired. All the leagues will continue to maintain the fields as they have, but there are some things that need to be repaired by professionals.



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Brian Fulling, 45 Gault Road, asked how do you propose to do the maintenance on the fields? Are you going to take them off line for a period of time? Moderator Van Loan said that is not addressing the budgetary issues.

Library - Ms. Holstein said the amount in the appropriated column is \$30,000 less than the request which is \$10,000 less than was expended last year. What is the reduction? Mr. Greiner said this year we are adding hours, increasing expenditures on maintenance, a heating system issue is being addressed. Ms. Holstein asked if that is addressed in the library line or the building maintenance line? Mr. Greiner said that is in the property repairs and maintenance of the library. Moderator Van Loan said the question is the Town Manager recommended \$773,000, and the Council has \$743,000. What's the \$30,000 that the Town Manager recommended that the Council doesn't recommend? Ms. Holstein said in particular since what's being recommended is \$10,000 less than what was spent last year. Mr. Greiner said another example would be when you look at the library bond, the payments on the bond this year are \$10,000 less than last year. \$5,000 is from the bond refunding which we went through last week. Ms. Holstein said so there is nothing being cut in terms of purchasing materials. Mr. Greiner said no. Ms. Holstein asked if the book budget and the materials budget is at least staying the same; it isn't going down? Mr. Hickey said there were a few different line items that the Council looked to change. First was some of the salary lines. The library was looking for some additional part time staffing. The Council suggested to the library that they look for volunteers in the community, similar to what we have done in the past with the call Fire Dept. If they do that and find that they cannot find volunteers to help, then the Council would be more willing to look at additional staffing in the future. We refinanced the library bond so there is some savings there that was cut from his budget to the Council budget because it was done after his budget was presented to the Council. The book budget stayed the same. The Council suggested to the Library Trustees that this is the bottom line they want to deal with, and told the

Library Trustees to move the money around as they see fit, and they have done so. If there has been a slight reduction in the book budget, it's because the Library Trustees made that reduction. Ms. Holstein hopes the Council will work with the Library Trustees. Years ago the library used to open for a couple of hours on Sunday afternoons. That was a very popular item in this town. You can't do that on volunteers. The level of information that is needed to run a library, particularly in the reference department, is such that you can't staff it with just volunteers on Sunday any more. She hopes in future years you will look at increasing the budget so we can go back to Sunday hours.

Total General Fund Appropriations - \$14,639,408
Total Municipal Appropriations - \$ 16,518,921

A motion was made to accept that amount; motion seconded;

Moderator Van Loan has a request for a secret written ballot. Mr. Stewart offered to withdraw the petition. Moderator Van Loan said if there is any signer of the secret written ballot petition who wants to proceed with it, we will have it. No one came forward.

Vote on motion passed.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appoint the Town Council as the authorized agent for the purposes of expending funds from each capital reserve account maintained by the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

Mr. Scanlon moved the article as written; motion seconded.

Mr. Scanlon said as it works now, the capital reserve funds can only be spent as they are appropriated in this budget meeting. During the year if an opportunity arises when some of those monies were put aside for particular use, and we have the opportunity to purchase something at a discounted price, the Council is unable to do that because outside of the authority from this Town Meeting, we can't expend those funds. By naming



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the Town Council as the agents of the trust funds, that would allow us the ability to vote as a Council in order to use those funds. An example of that was last year we had put money into a capital reserve account over a year or two and had funded part of it in last year's budget for replacement of a street sweeper. We were planning on keeping the sweeper for an extra year, but when the time came, we found out it was more economical not to repair the old one because it needed too much work. We went ahead and bought a new sweeper. Because we were not the agents there was \$40,000 in a capital reserve account that we could not utilize for the purchase of that equipment, so we had to enter into a short term lease agreement for \$40,000 and pay interest on that money when we had it in the bank, and we couldn't touch it until it gets appropriated. What we are asking for is to allow the Council the flexibility that if there is money in a capital reserve account that the Council be able to use that money for the purpose for which it was put into those capital reserves. If there is money in a capital reserve account to purchase a fire truck, the Council can't go out and buy a lawn mower with that money. The only way we would be able to use those funds is for that purpose. The Council would also be required to hold a public hearing before those funds are expended. The public would have the ability to have input. It is giving the town a lot of flexibility that if something comes along during the course of the year, there is money set aside for that specific purpose, that it allows the Council to act.

Ken Hawkins, 1 Barrington Drive, asked if there is anything in here that will require more than a majority vote? He would like to see at least a 60% or 2/3 vote of the Council for them to be able to do this. Mr. Scanlon said it is a straight majority. Mr. Hawkins would like something that would require 5 votes. Can he amend this? Moderator Van Loan said he could. He said when you have a capital reserve fund, if the Town Council have not been designated as the agents to expend, none of the funds can be withdrawn from the capital reserve fund unless they are done at a meeting like this. If you designate the town officials as the agents to expend, which is what is being

requested, then they can make that decision only for the purpose for which the capital reserve fund was created and only after a public hearing. That's the limit of what the statutes say. Mr. Hawkins said the concern he has is in a meeting with 3-2, two of the other people may have voted no. He would like to be able to see something that has more than a simple majority.

Mr. Hawkins amended the article to say a minimum of 5 votes; motion seconded.

Mr. Scanlon said his concern is, you need 5 Councilors to open a meeting or public hearing. If you had 5 Councilors present that night, and one of them had to recuse themselves, you would make it impossible for that to pass. He believes 5 is reasonable, but he hopes we are not causing a burden that we are not anticipating tonight.

Mr. Graham said if you can't wait 2 weeks until you can get 7 Councilors there, then we are in deeper trouble than he thinks. Mr. Scanlon said it is not just a case of having 2 weeks because it has to be posted. It could delay it 3 or 4 weeks. Mr. Keyes thinks this is reasonable and he supports it.

Mr. Stewart said he came here tonight ready to suggest people vote no on this because for 100 years or more, the Town of Bedford has operated very successfully by having the voters make the decision when you take stuff out of a reserve account. He thinks perhaps with this amendment, it makes it a little more of a bar you've got to reach that might be palatable for the Trustees of the Trust Funds and for the citizens. He supports the amendment. He is not sure he wants to support the vote after, but he does think the amendment makes sense. He said nothing on the article says anything about a public hearing. He thinks that should be part of the warrant.

Moderator Van Loan is not sure whether he is right or wrong about the requirement of a public hearing. If that is something that is important, and whether the statute requires it or not, if you want to put it in, you can amend that too, but we are going to take one amendment at a time. Mr.



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Stewart said unless the previous amender wants to amend his motion. Moderator Van Loan asked Mr. Hawkins if he wishes to adopt the inclusion in your amendment that in addition to requiring the minimum 5 affirmative votes, that it also requires a precedent public hearing? Mr. Hawkins said yes. Mr. Stewart seconded.

Mr. Stewart asked if there is a time frame on the public hearing? Mr. Hickey said there is a 10-day requirement for a public hearing to be posted prior to the meeting.

Vote on amendment passed.

Ms. Holstein said she is confused. She knows it is a bottom line budget, but you can't spend it until it has been appropriated, so that capital reserve items are always kind of big items, so if you're spending this on your authority before we voted on it at this meeting, that means you're taking it away from something else in the budget. Right? Mr. Scanlon said we are allowed to spend that money because it doesn't affect the tax rate, and it was already raised by the voters at the annual meeting.

Moderator Van Loan has received a request for a secret written ballot. Mr. Stewart withdrew the petition. Moderator Van Loan asked if there is any petitioner who wishes to proceed with that secret written ballot? No one came forward.

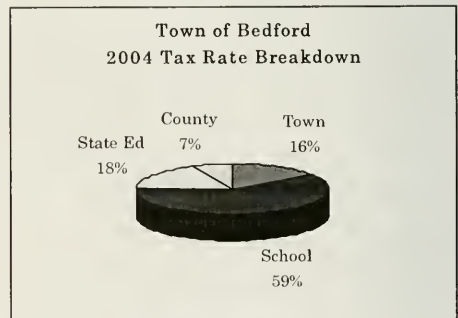
Vote on motion passed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 10:00 PM.

**2004 TOWN POPULATION AND
TAX RATE INFORMATION**

POPULATION – 20,181
2004 ASSESSED VALUATION: \$2,929,901,304
2004 TAX RATE per \$1,000 ASSESSED VALUE:

TOWN	\$2.50
COUNTY	\$1.10
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	\$9.33
STATE EDUCATION TAX	\$2.81
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE	<u>\$15.74</u>



Percent Increase/(Decrease) Over 2003 Tax Rate

TOWN	(24.0%)
COUNTY	(35.7%)
LOCAL SCHOOL TAX	(1.5%)
STATE EDUCATION TAX	<u>(52.1%)</u>
COMBINED TOTAL TAX RATE	<u>(22.6%)</u>



SAMPLE BALLOT



OFFICIAL BALLOT ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION BEDFORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE MARCH 9, 2004

Frederic J. Gaudin
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. To vote, complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s), like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and complete the arrow.

ARTICLE 1

To Elect Necessary Town Officers:

TOWN COUNCIL

For Three Years ☐ Vote for not
more than two (2) ☐

NORMAND LONGVAL 2536

RAYMOND MINICHELLO 3211

"LORI" RADKE 3303

MICHAEL J. SCANLON 3233

"MOE" VILLENEUVE 1759

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

TOWN MODERATOR

For Two Years ☐ Vote for not
more than one (1) ☐

EUGENE M. VAN LOAN III 2882

(Write-in)

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

For Three Years ☐ Vote for not
more than one (1) ☐

EDWARD P. MORAN 6066

(Write-in)

TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUNDS

For Three Years ☐ Vote for not
more than one (1) ☐

SCOTT EARNSHAW 5929

(Write-in)

SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECK LIST

For Six Years ☐ Vote for not
more than one (1) ☐

"BISI" LASCAZE 3520

ELAINE TEFFT 3529

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

ARTICLE 2 Recreation Facility and Equipment Improvements

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed five hundred eighty thousand dollars (\$580,000) for the purpose of recreation facility improvements, equipment improvements and a recreation master plan, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes and shall be in the best interests of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.

YES 3782

NO 3518

Did Not Pass

ARTICLE 3 Magazine Street Water Line Upgrade and Extension

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed three hundred sixty four thousand dollars (\$364,000) for the purpose of extending and upgrading municipal water lines, such sum to be raised by the issuance of serial bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes and shall be in the best interests of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.

YES 3862

NO 3364

Did Not Pass



2005 WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bedford in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote on Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at McKelvie School on Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 7 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following Articles 1, 2 and 3. Polls are to close no later than 7:00 p.m. Action on Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 will be held at the Budgetary Town Meeting on Thursday, March 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the McKelvie School (108 Liberty Hill Road).

Article 1. Election of Town Officers

To elect 3 Town Councilors, 1 for a one year term and 2 for three year terms, 1 Town Clerk and 1 Library Trustee for the ensuing three years and 1 Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years.

Article 2. To see how the Town will vote on

ZONING AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE PLANNING BOARD:

Amendment No. 1

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance: To amend Article 45-2 Definitions, as follows:

Amend the Definitions Article by adding the following words in bold italics:

HOME OCCUPATION – An occupation conducted entirely within the dwelling unit *“or principal building, including any garage or barn that is physically attached to the dwelling by at least one common wall or attached by a fully enclosed breezeway that does not exceed 20 feet in length”*, and is customarily incidental and secondary to the use of the structure for dwelling purposes and which does not adversely affect or undermine the residential character of the neighborhood.

Amend the Definitions Article by adding the following definition in bold italics:

“KITCHEN – A kitchen is an area that provides all of the following: a refrigerator of any size or dimension; a surface for food preparation; a sink

with piped water; and a dedicated space or location for a device to cook food stuffs, not including plug-in countertop appliances such as microwave ovens or toasters.”

[These amendments are intended to: a) clarify that Home Occupations are allowed in a garage or barn that is attached to a house; and b) to define what a Kitchen is, for the purpose of identifying when an accessory or “in-law” apartment exists in a home.]

Amendment No. 2

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-4-1 GENERAL PROVISIONS, Section (j) Capital Facilities Fees, subsection (5) b., c., d., and e., by deleting the subsections and inserting the following paragraphs shown in bold italics:

- b. *“All impact fees shall be assessed at the time of planning board approval of a subdivision or site plan. When no Planning Board approval is required, or has been made prior to the adoption or amendment of the impact fee ordinance, impact fees shall be assessed prior to, or as a condition for the issuance of a building permit or other appropriate permission to proceed with development.*
- c. *Impact fees shall be collected at the time a certificate of occupancy is issued. If no certificate of occupancy is required, impact fees shall be collected when the development is ready for its intended use.*
- d. *The Town of Bedford and the assessed party may establish an alternate, mutually acceptable schedule of payment of impact fees in effect at the time of subdivision plat or site plan approval by the Planning Board.*
- e. *If an alternative schedule of payment is established, the Town of Bedford may require developers to post bonds, letters of credit, accept liens, or otherwise provide suitable measures of security so as to guarantee future payment of the assessed impact fees.”*



[These amendments are intended to reflect changes made by the NH Legislature to the laws governing impact fees.]

Amendment No. 3

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-4-2, USE REGULATIONS, Section (b) (2) Elderly Housing in the Apartment Residential, Office, Commercial, and Service Industrial zoning districts, Subsection a. Definition, by deleting the existing paragraph and adding the paragraph in bold italics as follows:

"The term 'elderly housing' as used in this section shall mean any housing intended and operated for occupancy by at least one (1) person fifty-five (55) years of age and older. All elderly housing developments shall include a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the units as affordable housing for low-income elderly persons. Affordable housing as used in this section, shall mean rental, lease, or ownership interest in housing which is subsidized for a minimum period of thirty (30) years through either governmental, public, or private mechanisms, including tax credits, for persons with a household income limit not exceeding eighty percent (80%) of the area median income for households of various sizes (AMI) established by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the metropolitan statistical area which includes the Town of Bedford.

Elderly housing shall provide, and make available to residents therein, significant on-site facilities and services specifically designed to meet the physical or social needs of older persons, including, but not limited to: dining facilities; housekeeping services; security services; group transportation; and personnel response services. The Planning Board may waive some or all of the facilities or services where: 1) the proposed development provides alternative arrangements that are satisfactory to the Planning Board; or 2) the development provides more than the required twenty-five percent (25%) of affordable housing as defined above."

[This amendment is intended to reduce the qualifying age limits for elderly housing in Bedford from 62 to 55, and to require that elderly

housing projects in certain zoning districts provide a minimum of 25 % of the housing units for low-income elderly persons, in return for the generous density of 28 units per acre that is allowed in the ordinance.]

Amendment No. 4

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-4-2 USE REGULATIONS, Section (f) (1) Home Occupations, by deleting paragraph b., and replacing it with the following sentence in bold italics:

"b. No more than six hundred fifty (650) square feet of the existing net floor area of the principal building, including any attached garage or barn, shall be devoted to such use;"

[This amendment is intended to limit the floor space of a Home Occupation to 650 square feet of the home, including any attached garage or barn. The Zoning Ordinance previously allowed no more than 30% of the home, excluding any garage or barn, to be used for a home business.]

Amendment No. 5

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-4-3 DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS, Figure 45.1 Table of Dimensional Regulations, by amending this article as follows:

Amend Figure 45.1 by adding a new row under the column Zoning Districts with the designation "HD" to represent the Historic District overlay zone. Add new footnote 15 to read: ***"Lots within the Historic District overlay (HD) shall meet the dimensional requirements of the underlying zoning district unless otherwise specified."*** Add new footnote 15 to the columns labeled: Min. Lot Size; Min. Lot Frontage; Front Yard; Side Yard Abutting a Lot; and Side Yard Abutting a Street.

Amend Figure 45.1, HD Historic District overlay row, by adding ***"35"*** feet in the column labeled Maximum Building Height.



Amend Figure 45.1 by adding a new footnote (16) to read: *"Lots in the Commercial zone (CO), lots in the Commercial zone with Historic District overlay (HD), and lots in the Performance zone (PZ) shall be permitted to have more than one principal building per lot. Multiple buildings on a single lot in these zones shall provide a minimum separation between buildings of twenty (20) feet. Additional separation between buildings may be required by applicable fire or building codes."* Add new footnote 16 to the Special Conditions column for the CO (Commercial) zone, PZ (Performance) zone, and HD (Historic District overlay) zone.

Amend Figure 45.1 by adding a new footnote (17) to read: *"Each building in the Commercial zone without a Historic District overlay (CO) shall be limited to forty thousand square feet (40,000 sq. ft.) per floor. Each building in the Commercial zone with a Historic District overlay (HD) shall be limited to twenty thousand square feet (20,000 sq. ft.) per floor."* Add new footnote 17 to the Special Conditions column for the CO (Commercial) zone and the HD (Historic District overlay) zone.

Amend Figure 45.1, Maximum Building Coverage %, by deleting the 25% coverage in the Commercial zone.

Amend Figure 45.1 by adding a new footnote 18 to read: *"Lots in the Commercial (CO) zone and in the Commercial zone with Historic District overlay (HD) shall be limited to a maximum impervious surface area of seventy-five percent (75%) of the total lot area instead of a maximum building coverage."* Add footnote 18 to the Maximum Building Coverage column in the Commercial (CO) zone and the Historic District (HD) overlay zone.

[This amendment is intended to restrict the size of commercial buildings in the Commercial District to 40,000 square feet per floor and 48 feet in height, and to restrict commercial buildings in the Historic District to 20,000 square feet per floor and 35 feet in height, in order to protect the character of Route 101 as a local – not regional – shopping area and to prevent new "big box" stores. Multiple small commercial buildings will be permitted on each lot.]

Amendment No. 6

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-9-5, PERFORMANCE ZONE DEFINITIONS, by deleting the definition of Elderly Housing from this section.

To amend Article 45-9-6, PERMITTED USES IN THE PERFORMANCE ZONE, Footnote (1) c), by deleting the existing paragraph and replacing it with the following words shown in bold italics:

"The term 'elderly housing' as used in this section shall mean any housing intended and operated for occupancy by at least one (1) person fifty-five (55) years of age and older. All elderly housing developments shall include a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the units as affordable housing for low-income elderly persons. Affordable housing as used in this section, shall mean rental, lease, or ownership interest in housing which is subsidized for a minimum period of thirty (30) years through either governmental, public, or private mechanisms, including tax credits, for persons with a household income limit not exceeding eighty percent (80%) of the area median income for households of various sizes ("AMI") established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the metropolitan statistical area which includes the Town of Bedford.

Elderly housing shall provide, and make available to residents therein, significant on-site facilities and services specifically designed to meet the physical or social needs of older persons, including but not limited to: dining facilities; housekeeping services; security services; group transportation; and personnel response services. The Planning Board may waive some or all of the facilities or services where: 1) the proposed development provides alternative arrangements that are satisfactory to the Planning Board; or 2) the development provides more than the required twenty-five percent (25%) of affordable housing as defined above. All elderly housing shall be supplied with municipal sewer and public water, and structures shall be fully sprinklered."

[This amendment is intended to reduce the qualifying age limits for elderly housing in Bedford from 62 to 55, and to require that elderly



housing projects in the PZ zone provide a minimum of 25% of the housing units for low-income elderly persons, in return for the generous density of 28 units per acre that is allowed in the ordinance.]

Amendment No. 7

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-9-8 MINIMUM LANDSCAPE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, as follows:

Amend Figure 45.11 Table of Side and Rear Landscape Options, by amending the required minimum height of shrubs to ***four (4) ft. High.***

Amend Figure 45.13 by changing the title of the figure to ***Table of Exterior Pavement Landscape Options***, deleting Ornamental Trees as a stand-alone landscape option, and changing footnote (3) by deleting the phrase “parking area” and replacing it with the phrase ***“pavement area”***.

[These amendments are intended to modify some landscaping requirements in the Performance Zone by reducing the required height of shrubs from 6 feet high to 4 feet high, by changing the title of a landscaping chart to better reflect its purpose, and by clarifying that landscaping is required around all pavement areas – not just parking lots.]

Amendment No. 8

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 8 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-11 SIGNS, Section 45-11-1 General Provisions, (j), by deleting the text in its entirety and replacing it with the following text shown in bold italics:

“In the Commercial, Office, Service Industrial, Highway Commercial, Neighborhood Commercial and Performance zoning districts, internally lighted permanent sign panels are permitted; however, externally lighted signs are encouraged. Internally lighted sign panels are prohibited in all residential zones and in the Historic District overlay zone. Internally lighted panels shall be

opaque and only the lettering shall appear to be lighted. Externally lighted signs shall have the light source directed downward onto the sign. Animated, moving, flashing, and noise making signs are prohibited. Changeable readerboard signs, whether manual or electronic, are prohibited in all zoning districts.”

[This amendment is intended to restrict internally lighted signs so that only the letters (not the background) will be lighted at night. The amendment also clarifies that signs with moving messages or logos and readerboard signs are prohibited.]

Amendment No. 9

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 9 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend Article 45-13 ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT, as follows:

Amend Section 45-13-3 Certificates of Occupancy, (b) (2) by adding the following words shown in bold italics:

Prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any building ***“or addition”***, a plat plan locating all buildings, utilities and easements on a given lot must be certified by a State of New Hampshire licensed land surveyor. ***“The Building Inspector may waive the requirement for a certified plat plan for good cause shown.”***

Amend Section 45-13-4 Violations and Penalties, (b) by inserting the following words shown in bold italics:

(1) Any violation of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor if a natural person, or a felony if any other person, and shall be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275) ***“for the first offense and five hundred fifty dollars (\$550) for subsequent offenses”*** for each day that such violation is found to continue after the conviction date or after the date on which the violator receives written notice from the Town that he is in violation, whichever is earlier.

(2) In addition, if any successful legal action is brought by the Town to enforce, by way of injunctive relief or otherwise, ***“any local***



ordinance, code or regulation, or to enforce any Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment or Building Code Board of Appeals decision or to seek the payment of any fine levied pursuant to NH RSA 676:17, the Town *“shall attempt to”* recover its out-of-pocket costs and reasonable attorney’s fees actually expended in pursuing the legal action.

[This amendment is intended to clarify that all buildings, including additions, shall provide a certified plot plan prior to a Certificate of Occupancy. The amendment also includes a new State law that allows the Town to increase the amount of fines for repeated violations of the ordinances and regulations by the same person and allows the Town to collect its attorney fees and expenses if the Town wins a case in court.]

Amendment No. 10

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 10 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To amend APPENDIX A: TABLE OF USES, by adding text shown in bold italics as follows:

To include Elderly Housing as a permitted use *“P”* in the Residential & Agricultural (RA) zone and in the General Residential (GR) zone, subject to a new *“Footnote 33. Allowed only in Cluster Residential Developments subject to Article 45-6-5 (j) Design Standards for Single Attached Dwellings for Elderly Housing.”*

To amend Footnote 5, which pertains to retail establishments allowed in the Commercial zone by deleting the words “automotive accessory” from the list of permitted retail uses, and by adding the words *“Also excluded are oil, lubrication, car wash establishments, and automotive maintenance retail establishments.”*

[These amendments clarify that elderly housing for persons 55 and older is allowed in cluster developments in the residential zones. The amendment also prohibits automotive accessory establishments, such as tire or auto parts stores and oil & lube businesses from the Commercial zoning district.]

Amendment No. 11

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment No. 11 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Bedford Zoning Ordinance:

To include Restaurants, Fast Food as a permitted use *“P”* in the Commercial zoning district subject to a new *“Footnote 34. Fast food restaurants in the Commercial (CO) zoning district shall not provide drive-up or drive-thru service facilities and shall not provide curb service or outside drive-up or walk-up service windows.”*

[This amendment is intended to allow ice cream shops, delicatessens, coffee shops, and other types of restaurants that previously have not been allowed along Route 101. The Planning Board believes that prohibiting drive-thru facilities and promoting strict architectural guidelines will provide the community with diverse restaurant options while discouraging a “strip” corridor.]

Article 3. Issuance of Long-Term Debt for Reconstruction of Roads

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed twelve million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$12,750,000) for the purpose of the reconstruction and rehabilitation of town roads, twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) of which to come from the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33, and seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) of which to come from interest earnings on the investment of these bond proceeds and to authorize the Town Council to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon, and take such other action as may be necessary to effect the issuance, negotiation, sale and delivery of such bonds or notes and shall be in the best interests of the Town of Bedford, and pass any vote relating thereto. This article requires a two-thirds ballot vote.

TOWN ARTICLES 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 WILL BE VOTED ON AT THE BUDGETARY TOWN MEETING ON MARCH 10, 2005 AT THE MCKELVIE SCHOOL (108 Liberty Hill Road).



Article 4.

If Article 2 on the School District Warrant, of March 8, 2005, passes, should the Town of Bedford raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$6 Million to fund the purchase of land and construction of a connector road between Route 101 and the Middle School/High School site, connecting Nashua Road and Wallace Road, that would be eligible for reimbursement from the State of New Hampshire under the Route 101 corridor study and would also service traffic for the new Middle School/High School.

This article was submitted as a citizen petition. The Bedford Town Council does not support this petition.

Article 5. Town Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the ensuing year.

General Fund	\$16,910,766
Police Special Detail	437,350
Recreation Day Camp	131,090
Bedford Comm. TV	198,500
Special Revenue Funds	104,000
Sewer Fund	2,183,917

Total Appropriation	<u>\$19,965,623</u>
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Article 6. – Withdrawal from Current Use Capital Reserve Account

To see if the Town will vote to expend up to \$20,000 out of the Current Use Capital Reserve Account for the purposes of completing a town wide wetland mapping study and its related expenses.

Article 7. – Rescinding of Joppa Hill Bond Authorized and Unissued

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority to issue the \$500,000 unissued balance of the \$2,800,000 in bonds authorized under Article 3 of the 2001 Town ballot for the purposes of purchasing land known as the Joppa Hill Farm

(\$2,300,000 of which bonds have already been issued).

Article 8. – Acquisition of Pennichuck Corp Assets

To see if the Town will vote to confirm the resolution (vote) of the Bedford Town Council adopted on February 9, 2005 that it is expedient for the Town of Bedford to establish a water plant for the production and distribution of water for municipal use, for the use of the inhabitants of Bedford and others, and for such other purposes as may be permitted, and to take, purchase, or otherwise acquire the assets of the Pennichuck Corporation – including but not limited to land, wells, and pipes -- within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Bedford, pursuant to NH RSA 38:4.

Such action shall not affect any other municipal water system, village water district, or franchise area of another water utility within the corporate boundaries of the Town of Bedford.

This warrant article requires a 2/3-ballot vote at Budgetary Town Meeting for passage.

The Town Council approved this warrant on February 9, 2005.

Given under our hands and seal this 9th day of February 2005.

*Michael Scanlon, Chairman
Kevin Keyes, Vice Chairman*

2005 Town Council
Proposed Municipal Budget Summary

There is a tax increase in the Town portion of property taxes of \$.21 to support the 2005 budget. The Town portion of the tax rate will be \$2.71 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Highlighted below are the projects and/or equipment included within departmental budgets that will continue to allow for the quality service that the residents of Bedford have come to expect. Additional costs in the budget are funded through cost savings elsewhere and new revenues.



- The Town Council budget includes \$500,000 for the acquisition of land, if a parcel becomes available during the year. This amount is totally offset by revenue. Also included is \$296,010 for the principal and interest payments as well as an additional principal reduction \$31,240 for the Joppa Hill parcel.
- The Town Manager budget includes costs associated with the retirement and replacement of the Town Manager's Executive Assistant, the first year lease payments of three hybrid vehicles and the acquisition of three additional hybrid vehicles. Also, the Town Office receptionist position has been reduced to a part time, 20 hour per week position and moved to the Parks and Recreation Administration budget.
- The Town Clerk budget includes funding to establish the Clerk's position as full time.
- The Finance and Personnel budget includes increased funding for the annual audit to comply with new national auditing standards. Also included is \$20,000 to be deposited into the Financial Software Capital Reserve account.
- The Information Technology budget includes the replacement of 22 pc's as recommended by the Information Technology Master Plan accepted by the Town Council. Also included is the transfer of an existing position that was previously budgeted for in Police Administration.
- The Building Maintenance budget includes the consolidation of all town phone expenses, excluding cell phones and 911 phone lines. This consolidation was done in 2004 when acquiring a new phone system that allowed for the reduction of annual phone expenses.
- The Safety Complex budget includes increased utility expenses now that there is a tenant renting space. This amount is offset by revenue.
- The Fund Balance Reserve budget is a new budget established to address the long-term financial stability of the town. Please see page 29 for a detailed explanation.
- The Police Communications, Patrol and Detective budgets include salary adjustments for Police Union personnel as part of the ongoing union negotiations. Also included is \$76,000 for grants that are offset by revenues.
- The Fire Administration budget includes \$100,000 for anticipated fire grants. Revenues offset this budget item.
- The Fire Operations budget includes a full year of funding for the two firefighter positions added at the 2004 Budgetary Town Meeting.
- The Health Department includes a new part time health inspector to provide inspections of the increasing number of food establishments.
- The Public Works Road Resurfacing / Reconstruction budget includes \$996,800 for the principal and interest payment of the existing road bond and \$1,003,200 for the reconstruction, rehabilitation and resurfacing of town roads. Public Works will also spend remaining \$3 million from the existing road bond. The Road Reconstruction budget may need to be increased if the proposed road bond article fails.
- The Public Works Highway budget includes \$300,156 for the purchase of two dump trucks and two one ton trucks, \$33,994 of which is offset by revenue. There is an additional \$304,250 budgeted to be deposited into various Capital Reserve accounts.
- The Transfer Station budget includes a \$45,000 increase in tipping fees and \$167,200 for the landfill bond payment.
- The Recreation budget includes \$170,000 for the rehabilitation and lighting of the Legacy Park rectangular field and \$8,000 for fencing the Joppa field parking lot.
- The Library budget includes funding to open the Library on Sundays and increased wages to properly budget for current employees. Also included is the establishment of a Capital Reserve for building repairs in the amount of \$34,700 and \$175,638 for the Library bond payments.
- The Conservation Commission budget includes \$350,000 towards the purchase of conservation land if any becomes



available. This amount is offset by revenue.

Unreserved Fund Balance Retention

What is Unreserved Fund Balance?

Unreserved fund balance is a measure of the financial resources available in a governmental fund, which can also be described as the equity balance resulting from operations and available for spending. A business enterprise's Retained Earnings is comparable to a municipality's Fund Balance.

What are the general guidelines for fund balance retention?

General guidelines have been established nationally, and endorsed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA), regarding the amount of unreserved fund balance a municipality should retain. The amount of unreserved fund balance to be retained is expressed as a percentage of the municipality's appropriations, plus the school and county appropriations. The original suggested retention level was between 5 and 10 percent of total appropriations as defined above. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) now suggests retaining between 8 and 17 percent of total appropriations.

What has the Bedford Town Council recommended for fund balance retention?

The Council has reviewed these recommendations and has determined that the Town should retain an unreserved fund balance at the 8 percent level within the next 10 years.

Why do we need to retain an Unreserved Fund Balance?

An adequate level of fund balance is needed, primarily to protect against current and futures risks and to ensure the stability of future tax rates. Future risks could include, but are not limited to, revenue shortfalls and unanticipated expenditures. Furthermore, credit rating agencies closely monitor the levels of fund balance in a government's fund to evaluate their level of creditworthiness.

If Bedford continues to maintain a prudent level of fund balance, credit rating agencies will issue a more favorable rating, which leads to a lower bond rate, lower interest charges and lower bond issue costs. Currently, the Town enjoys a healthy credit rating of Aa2. This rating has directly affected the Town's ability to secure low bond interest rates, such as 2.98% on the 2003 road reconstruction bond. If the Town's credit rating had been less favorable, this bond could have seen interest rates around 3.18% or higher, costing the Town \$85,000 in additional interest as well as additional bonding costs.

Maintaining an adequate level of fund balance will assist the Town in preparing for a financial emergency, contribute to the continuity of our operations by giving us adequate funding to meet our financial obligations, thus improving our long-term fiscal stability.

Are there other ways to build fund balance without increasing the tax rate?

Yes. As mentioned previously, fund balance is essentially the equity resulting from operations. Therefore, in the event that revenues collected exceed budgeted amounts, fund balance would increase by the amount of excess revenues. The Council has remained conservative in its budgeting of revenues as a result of declining revenue trends, therefore reliance upon excess revenues is not realistic at this time.

What effect does the Council recommended appropriation have on my taxes?

As you will note from the table above, the Council has recommended an appropriation in the amount of \$430,000 in the 2005 budget for the purpose of increasing fund balance. A \$430,000 appropriation increases the tax rate by \$0.14 based upon the current assessed valuation of the Town. Therefore, if your property assessment is \$400,000, this appropriation will increase your taxes by \$56.00.



2005 PROPOSED REVENUES

DEPARTMENT	2004 APPROVED BUDGET	2004 REVENUES 12/31/04	2005 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2005 TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNCIL	250,000	250,000	340,500	500,000
TOWN COUNCIL - JOPPA HILL	507,358	503,405	327,250	327,250
TOWN MANAGER	15,000	13,897	22,000	22,000
ELECTIONS AND REGIST.	50	351	50	50
TAX COLLECTOR	11,049,895	11,391,436	12,229,531	12,616,312
TOWN CLERK	-	30	13,500	26,000
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	864,520	1,148,643	973,498	990,344
PLANNING BOARD	70,000	70,000	60,000	50,000
ZONING BOARD	4,200	4,200	7,000	7,000
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM.	500	500	500	500
PLANNING	1,500	6,368	1,500	1,500
TOWN HALL	4,000	4,685	4,000	4,500
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	-	100	-	-
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	79,920	132,863	144,528	144,528
CEMETERIES	10,000	22,070	10,000	15,000
POLICE				
Administration	74,500	106,492	169,500	171,500
Communications	-	-	-	-
Patrol	69,801	26,129	80,635	80,635
Detectives	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Subtotal Police	169,301	132,621	275,135	277,135
FIRE				
Administration	222,150	286,678	357,150	357,150
Building Inspection	194,000	305,276	237,000	247,000
Subtotal Fire	416,150	591,954	594,150	604,150
WATER LINE CONSTRUCTION	232,000	232,000	-	-
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	453,819	457,085	487,582	487,582
Highway - Capital Reserve Transfers	189,073	196,696	46,994	46,994
Transfer Station	143,886	213,316	225,921	263,421
Subtotal Public Works	786,778	867,098	760,497	797,997
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	1,000	6,585	1,000	1,000
RECREATION				
Administration	31,500	30,765	35,000	66,500
Programs	56,000	42,974	56,000	56,000
Fields - Capital Reserve Transfer	36,836	26,000	-	-
Pool	36,900	53,252	53,000	53,000
Subtotal Recreation	161,236	152,992	144,000	175,500
LIBRARY				
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	380,000	21,015	350,000	370,000
TOTAL 2005 GENERAL FUND REVENUES	15,003,408	15,552,811	16,258,639	16,930,766
ENTERPRISE FUNDS				
Police Special Detail	428,500	524,344	437,350	437,350
Recreation Day Camp	130,090	128,334	131,090	131,090
Bedford Community Television	285,000	317,806	188,500	198,500
Sewer Fund	946,723	870,712	983,917	2,183,917
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND				
Other Special Revenue Funds	89,200	89,200	104,000	104,000
TOTAL 2005 MUNICIPAL BUDGET REVENUES	16,793,721	17,394,008	17,999,496	19,985,623



2005 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT	2004 OPERATING BUDGET	2004 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/04	2005 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2005 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
TOWN COUNCIL	271,947	273,502	363,629	523,129
Joppa Land Purchase/Payments	507,358	503,405	327,350	327,950
TOWN MANAGER	240,565	230,730	262,196	234,170
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION	51,115	50,851	13,729	18,774
TAX COLLECTOR	123,164	117,834	120,418	120,418
TOWN CLERK	50,490	50,188	47,553	77,139
FINANCE/PERSONNEL	238,797	234,994	268,169	274,169
INFORMATION SYSTEMS	184,685	152,062	246,417	246,417
ASSESSING	125,635	110,574	125,725	116,725
LEGAL EXPENSE	50,000	84,821	55,000	55,000
PLANNING BOARD	29,637	25,863	30,789	30,889
ZONING BOARD	4,301	5,069	5,501	5,501
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMM.	574	782	574	574
PLANNING	243,916	238,911	244,677	244,677
TOWN HALL	13,328	11,702	14,400	15,400
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	151,704	141,160	163,233	173,433
PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX	234,265	245,832	250,292	250,292
CEMETERIES	38,900	41,964	38,900	38,900
INSURANCE	1,071,056	1,082,685	1,347,100	1,347,100
NH MUNICIPAL ASSOC.	15,000	15,265	15,000	15,265
SOUTHERN NH PLANNING	12,353	12,383	12,353	12,714
MANCH. TRANSIT AUTH.	39,600	39,600	39,600	40,800
TOWN PUBLICATIONS	4,800	5,930	4,800	4,800
**COMPENSATION ADJUST.	-	-	175,000	167,532
FUND BALANCE RESERVE	-	-	-	430,000
UNALLOCATED RESERVE	131,214	65,003	100,000	100,000
POLICE				
Administration	346,165	366,472	331,411	325,011
Communications	300,992	297,892	339,107	337,407
Patrol	1,401,466	1,377,458	1,535,594	1,536,094
Detectives	352,818	326,079	383,715	383,715
Animal Control	29,019	15,603	31,859	31,859
Subtotal Police	2,430,460	2,383,504	2,621,686	2,614,086
FIRE				
Administration	150,262	154,717	251,887	245,887
Operations	1,361,449	1,440,310	1,466,783	1,470,783
Building Inspection	109,326	113,663	133,170	115,706
Health Department	225	-	225	18,225
Emergency Management	500	808	100	100
Hydrant Rental	125,000	157,245	168,000	168,000
Subtotal Fire	1,746,762	1,866,742	2,020,165	2,018,701



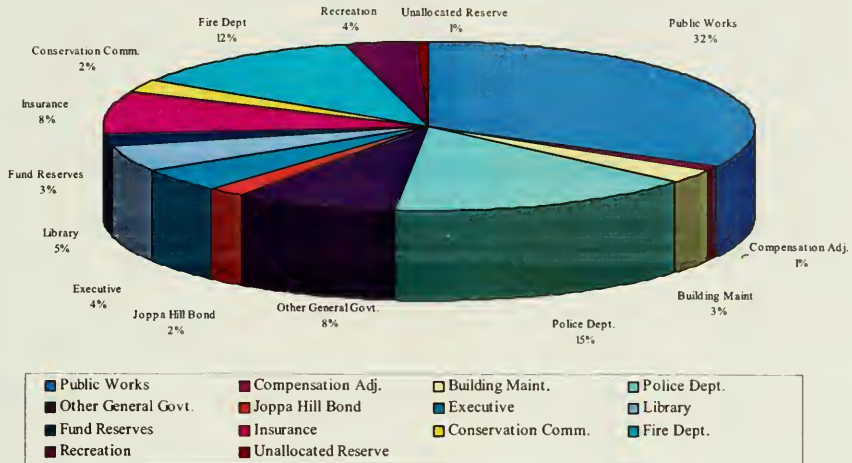
2005 PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS

DEPARTMENT	2004 OPERATING BUDGET	2004 EXPENDED YTD 12/31/04	2005 MANAGER RECOMMENDED	2005 COUNCIL RECOMMENDED
WATER LINE CONSTRUCTION	364,000	363,119	-	-
PUBLIC WORKS				
Administration	212,043	216,938	217,424	212,024
Road Resurfacing/Reconstruction	2,000,000	1,948,582	2,000,000	2,000,000
Highway	1,210,317	1,292,185	1,510,699	1,503,199
Winter Maintenance	299,028	210,269	354,324	354,324
Traffic Control	72,300	67,614	64,300	64,300
Solid Waste	1,249,684	1,317,068	1,405,937	1,405,937
Subtotal Public Works	5,043,372	5,052,656	5,552,684	5,539,784
GENERAL ASSISTANCE	20,000	2,591	17,500	17,500
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY	8,600	6,311	8,600	8,600
RECREATION				
Administration	87,882	81,172	82,056	89,748
Programs	74,852	63,800	73,363	73,363
Pool	70,712	71,030	75,020	74,020
Fields	193,925	257,098	355,884	376,898
Subtotal Recreation	427,371	473,099	586,323	614,029
LIBRARY	741,719	740,622	822,556	870,278
TOWN EVENTS	4,200	3,816	4,200	4,200
CONSERVATION COMM.	382,520	21,435	352,520	372,520
TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS	15,003,408	14,655,006	16,258,639	16,930,766
ENTERPRISE FUND				
Police Special Detail	428,500	434,708	437,350	437,350
Recreation Day Camp	130,090	134,892	131,090	131,090
Bedford Community Television	285,000	284,156	188,500	198,500
Sewer Fund	946,723	734,821	983,917	2,183,917
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Other Special Revenue Funds	89,200	89,200	104,000	104,000
TOTAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS	16,793,721	16,243,583	17,999,496	19,985,623

****COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENT:** The Town originally budgeted \$274,000 for compensation adjustments during 2004. This amount is distributed throughout the departments at year end to cover the costs of union contract increases, salary adjustments and merit raises given during the year.



2005 PROPOSED BUDGET BREAKDOWN



BEDFORD TAX VALUATIONS/RATES

YEAR	TAXABLE VALUATION	TAX RATE per \$1000	TAX RATE BREAKDOWN			
			TOWN	COUNTY	SCHOOL	STATE ED
1989	1,107,562,271	15.91	2.50	1.51	11.90	-
1990	1,145,770,232	16.72	2.46	1.55	12.71	-
1991	1,159,258,214	17.22	2.48	1.64	13.10	-
1992	1,173,772,864	17.47	2.53	1.72	13.22	-
1993	1,195,310,400	17.85	2.53	1.86	13.46	-
1994	1,236,413,255	17.76	2.59	1.76	13.41	-
1995	1,281,763,269	17.76	2.59	1.90	13.27	-
1996	1,315,999,904	17.99	2.59	2.00	13.40	-
1997	1,387,656,824	18.56	2.59	1.87	14.10	-
1998	1,457,530,853	18.39	2.71	1.77	13.91	-
1999	1,545,320,034	17.25	2.71	1.72	6.81	6.01
2000	1,643,252,340	18.30	2.71	1.76	8.18	5.65
2001	1,721,025,413	19.11	2.71	1.78	8.46	6.16
2002	1,792,937,256	19.56	3.23	1.79	8.67	5.87
2003	1,846,056,597	20.34	3.29	1.71	9.47	5.87
2004	2,929,901,304	15.74	2.50	1.10	9.33	2.81

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PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE		2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
By Department										
East. Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/04										
I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
A.	Records Retention	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
B.	Town Office Building Reserve	17,625	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
C.	Land Purchase Reserve	495,507	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
D.	Accounting Software	20,285	20,000	25,000						
E.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(40,500)							
F.	Computer Equip/Software Upgrades		8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
F.	Joppa Hill Bond Payments	296,010	277,610	286,410	289,210	249,760	240,005			
II. POLICE DEPARTMENT										
A.	Radio System Reserve	10,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	166,000	20,000
B.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal								(160,000)	
B.	Safety Complex Bond	146,841	137,181	125,831	122,466	119,731	111,894	108,894	100,894	92,925
C.	Safety Complex Reserve	11,300	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
	Carpet Replacement @ Safety Comp (9,000)	9,000								
D.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal									
E.	Cruiser Replacement - 3 each year	76,235	10,000	10,000	40,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	44,000
E.	4 Wheel Drive Vehicle				(30,000)					(44,000)
F.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal									
F.	Motorcycle - Patrol	21,000	10,000	10,000	22,000	11,000	11,000	23,000	12,000	12,000
	Capital Reserve Deposit				(20,000)			(22,000)		
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal									
G.	Portable Radios	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	70,000	10,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal									
III. FIRE DEPARTMENT										
A.	Ambulance Reserve	81,900	50,000	50,000	50,000	160,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	176,000
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(106,900)			(150,000)				(150,000)
B.	Fire Equipment Reserve	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
C.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal									
C.	Fire Engine Replacement	35,000	35,000	35,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	375,000	40,000
D.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal									
D.	Refurbish/Recondition Equip.	10,000			660,000				(325,000)	
E.	Fire Substation	150,000	175,000	175,000	600,000	600,000				
E.	Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(600,000)					
F.	New Quint Fire Engine	150,000	150,000	150,000	600,000					
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal				(450,000)					
IV. RECREATION										
A.	Pool Heating System	15,000	9,000	61,000	30,000	23,000	38,000	9,000	8,000	50,000
B.	Parks Equipment - Various	12,010	10,075							
C.	Playground Reserve - Various	10,300								
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(10,300)							
D.	Sportsman's Field	166,420								
E.	Slovski Field	26,000								
F.	Legacy Park									
G.	Tennis Courts	170,000								
H.	Legacy Skateboard Park	70,000								
I.	Parks Building	30,000								
	Capital Reserve Withdrawal				600,000					
					(400,000)					

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PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE By Department	Est. Capital Reserve Bal @ 12/31/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
V. LIBRARY											
A. Library GOB		175,638	172,938	165,288	157,581	153,968	145,150	141,700	133,031	129,150	125,125
B. Roof Replacement (2017)		2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900	2,900
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
C. Vinyl Siding		12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000	60,000				
Capital Reserve Withdrawal							(60,000)				
D. Interior Painting		3,700	3,700	3,700	3,700	15,000					
Capital Reserve Withdrawal						(11,800)					
E. Well Replacement		6,200	6,200	6,200	6,200	25,000					
Capital Reserve Withdrawal						(21,800)					
F. Parking Lot Repairs		3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,300	30,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											(25,700)
G. Septic System (2016)		1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
H. Carpet Replacement (2015)		4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
VI. LAND USE											
A. Master Plan	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	100,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(80,000)						
B. Route 3 Improvements			200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
C. Route 101 Improvements			100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
VII. SOLID WASTE											
A. Solid Waste Backhoe	72,500	81,000						84,000			
Capital Reserve Deposit		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000			20,000	20,000	20,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(72,500)						(65,000)			
B. Landfill Closure Bond		167,200	162,720	158,240	153,760	149,280	144,800	140,320	135,840	131,360	126,880
Transfer Station Improvements			640,000								
Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(250,000)								
VIII. PUBLIC WORKS											
A. Road Maintenance/Drainage		1,003,200	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000	3,900,000
Add'l Road Maintenance frm Bonding		3,000,000									
Bond Proceeds		(3,000,000)									
Road Bond Repayment		996,800	976,000	955,200	934,400	913,600	890,000	865,000	839,000	813,000	
Drainage Improvements		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
C. Traffic Signal Improvements	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
D. Pickup Trucks	10,000										
Capital Reserve Deposit		15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal		(15,000)				(20,000)			(20,000)		
E. One-Ton Trucks		100,156									
Capital Reserve Deposit		20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
F. Six Wheel Dump Trucks	33,400	200,000	400,000	300,000	100,000	100,000	300,000	400,000	300,000	100,000	100,000
Capital Reserve Deposit		50,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
G. Ten Wheel Dump Trucks		(33,400)	(200,000)	(100,000)							
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
H. All Purpose Tractor		10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
I. Front-end Loader	10,000	35,000	25,000	107,675	50,000	75,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	75,000	20,000

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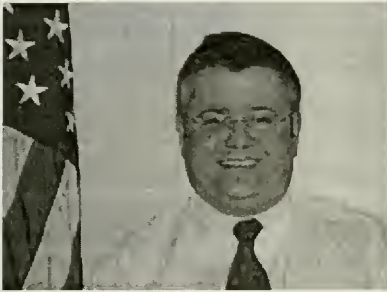
PROJECT OR EQUIPMENT AND SOURCES OF REVENUE	Est. Capital Reserve Bal. @ 12/31/04	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
By Department											
Capital Reserve Withdrawal											
J. Loader/Backhoe	53,600		81,000	(71,000)		(50,000)	81,000			(60,000)	
Capital Reserve Deposit		10,000	15,000	15,000	20,000	20,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
K. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(63,600)				(70,000)				
Sweeper		55,250	25,000	25,000	116,600	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	116,600	25,000
L. Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(108,550)					(100,000)	
Backside Mower/Tractor	35,000	20,000	70,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
M. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(35,000)								
Hydroseeder			5,000	5,000	16,505						
N. Capital Reserve Withdrawal					(15,000)						
Truck Lift		20,000	43,700								
O. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(20,000)								
Compressor	31,500	10,000	45,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	45,000	10,000	10,000
P. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(41,500)						(40,000)		
Chipper		5,000	5,000	5,000	2,500	2,500	21,020	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Q. Capital Reserve Withdrawal							(20,000)				
Mechanics Equipment	13,600	13,600	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000					
R. Capital Reserve Withdrawal			(13,600)								
Grader		20,000									
S. Water Line Capital Reserve			50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL MUNICIPAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES (total expenditures less capital reserve withdrawals)											
3,925,535		3,925,535	8,132,469	7,252,494	7,304,477	7,175,864	6,691,231	6,693,719	6,247,365	6,117,237	5,326,730
PROJECTED NET ASSESSED VALUATION (projected 3% annual growth)											
2,928,901,264		2,928,901,264	3,108,332,293	3,201,062,262	3,297,029,730	3,395,558,622	3,498,455,381	3,603,409,042	3,711,511,313	3,822,865,553	3,937,542,352
TAX RATE IMPACT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS (total capital expenditures/assessed valuation) * 1000		1.30	2.62	2.27	2.22	2.11	1.91	1.86	1.68	1.60	1.35

IX. ENTERPRISE FUNDS - Sewer and BCTV	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
(does not affect general fund expenditures or the tax rate)										
A. Capacity Reserve		50,000	500,000							
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	312,100	75,000	(462,100)							
B. Route 2 Improvements		100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
1992 Sewer Bonds		185,483	189,958	183,938	187,312	189,238	186,606	183,531		
D. School Cable Drops - BCTV		12,000								

NOTES: RED = Capital Reserve Deposit BOLD = Projected Equipment/Project Cost



TOWN COUNCIL



Michael Scanlon, Chairman

2004 was a busy year in our community. In addition to four regular elections, a special election and our town meeting were held. There was a Presidential primary in January, a Town Meeting and a Town election in March, a special election in August, a State primary in September and a Federal and State election in November. A town wide revaluation was completed, the first since 1987. The Public Works department continued the road re-construction program, rebuilding 2 major connector roads. A water line was extended down Magazine Street to connect residents whose wells became contaminated. The new recreation fields on the Joppa Hill Farm land were completed. A new pool building and refurbished pool were opened and the lights at the Chubbuck Road softball field were completed. Whew.....

We also saw one of our Councilor's step down due to health reasons. That was a difficult decision for Councilor Egan but one he made for the good of the town. Knowing that he would be incapacitated for 3 to 6 months, he resigned to allow us to appoint a replacement to fill his seat until the next scheduled election. This was a long and demanding process that saw 9 every capable and dedicated residents step forward to fill in. After carefully considering all the candidates, the Council appointed Chris Bandazian. Chris has exceeded all of our expectations and has served this town extremely well by understanding the issues and thoroughly preparing himself. On behalf of the entire Council I would like to thank Chris for his efforts and dedication. The best

news we had was that Councilor Egan has recovered from his illness.

The revaluation brought us back in line with State standards and equalized property values throughout town to ensure that every property was being fairly taxed. As was predicted, some of us saw our tax bills increase, some saw it stay about the same and some even saw a reduction based on the revaluation. Overall, our Town's assessed valuation increased to just under \$3 billion dollars, which ranks us in the top 5 of all communities within the State and the top of all Towns. Our healthy tax base has allowed us to maintain a stable Town tax rate.

Our road reconstruction program has been extremely successful. We are entering the final year of the original bond funding and are proposing a second bond for 12 million in 2005. Gaining the authority during 2005 to bond phase 2 of the program will allow us to design and bid 2006 projects during 2005. By having the ability to plan and bid these projects a year in advance we are able to get more competitive bids and start construction earlier in the construction season. We find that we are achieving better quality work, which is completed on time and saves tax dollars at the same time.

We also had several Parks and Recreation projects that were completed. We finished the construction of the 2 rectangular fields on the Joppa Hill property. Through the efforts of Jim Astertia, other residents and our local sports leagues, over \$50,000 dollars was raised to sod the fields at no additional cost to the town. We opened the new pool building, which replaced the old pool house that was in desperate need of replacement. Between the new building and remodeled pool, attendance increased and more residents utilized the pool then ever before. We also installed lights on the Chubbuck Road softball field. This allowed adult leagues to use the fields later in the evening increasing capacity for the youth leagues.

It has been a pleasure serving as the Chairman once again and I have enjoyed the opportunity and appreciate the confidence my fellow Councilors entrusted to me. I hope we have all earned your trust and confidence and look forward to representing you in the future.



FINANCE, PERSONNEL AND TAX COLLECTION DEPARTMENTS

Crystal A. Dionne, CPA - Director

During 2004, the Town portion of the tax rate decreased \$0.79, or 24% from \$3.29 to \$2.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The reduction in the tax rate is due primarily to the town-wide revaluation conducted during 2004, which increased the Town's total assessed valuation by more than one billion dollars. It is important to note that the property tax rate consists of four individual tax rates: town, county, school and state education. For any given year, the Department of Revenue Administration finalizes this rate in September. Therefore, the first half tax bill represents an estimate of your tax liability. Once the rate is set, the second half tax bill is adjusted to reflect this change in rate. It is also important to note that property taxes are due each July 1st and December 1st. Payments received subsequent to these dates are subject to a statutory interest charge.

Throughout 2004, the Town remained conservative in its budgeting and spending in an effort to minimize the Town's portion of the tax rate to less than 16% of the total rate of \$15.74. We continuously monitor revenues and seek alternative methods to reduce costs. For example, during 2004, we completed an advanced refunding on both the Safety Complex and Library bonds, saving the Town nearly \$160,000 over the remaining life of the bonds.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank my staff for their commitment and dedication to servicing the residents of this community. You have each been an invaluable member of the finance/tax team and I am proud of the accomplishments these departments have attained.

Treasurer's Report Treasurer: Edith Schmidchen Assistant Treasurer: Daniel Murphy

Town Funds

Balance January 1, 2004	\$10,017,659
Receipts:	
Tax Collector/Town Clerk	50,147,265
Town Offices	6,131,637
Interest Earned	288,424
Total Receipts:	56,567,326
Total Available:	66,584,985
Disbursements:	
Town Charges	16,506,128
County	3,235,906
School District	35,519,923
Total Disbursements:	55,261,957
Balance December 31, 2004	\$11,323,028

Escrow Accounts Various Depositors

Balance January 1, 2004	\$2,562,878
Receipts	2,458,136
Disbursements	(847,743)
Interest Earned	23,510

Balance December 31, 2004	\$4,196,781
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Summary of Tax Lien Accounts Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	2003	2002	2001	Prior
Unredeemed Liens				
January 1, 2004		102,103	42,898	5,427
Liens Executed				
In 2004	224,764			
Collections During				
Fiscal Year 2004	149,233	59,785	42,898	5,427
Unredeemed Liens				
December 31, 2004	75,531	42,318	0	0

Tax Collector's Report Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2004

	2004	2003
Uncollected Taxes, January 1, 2004:		
Property Taxes	-	885,659
Current Use	-	305,841
Yield Taxes	-	-
Sewer Rents	-	178,564
Taxes Committed, Fiscal Year 2004:		
Property Taxes	45,928,814	-
Current Use	643,357	-
Yield Taxes	4,822	-
Sewer Rents	694,169	-
Overpayments:		
Interest on	67,165	-
Delinquent Taxes:	119,922	-
Totals:	\$47,458,249	\$1,370,064

Collections During Fiscal Year 2004:		
Property Taxes	44,652,792	453,073
Current Use	505,025	305,841
Yield Taxes	4,027	-
Sewer Rents	494,739	178,564
Interest	119,922	-
Liens Executed	-	224,764
Overpayments	67,165	-
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	42,711	207,822
Sewer	6,509	-
Uncollected Taxes, December 31, 2004:		
Property Taxes	1,233,311	-
Current Use	138,332	-
Yield Taxes	795	-
Sewer Rents	192,921	-
Totals:	\$47,458,249	\$1,370,064



STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT 12/31/04

	Principal	Interest	Total
1992 Sewer Bonds (1998 refinance)			
2005	130,000	55,483	185,483
2006	140,000	49,958	189,958
2007	140,000	43,938	183,938
2008	150,000	37,812	187,812
2009	155,000	31,212	186,212
2010	165,000	24,238	189,238
2011	170,000	16,606	186,606
2012	175,000	8,531	183,531
Total	\$ 1,225,000	\$ 267,778	\$ 1,492,778

1994 Public Safety Complex Bonds (2004 refinance)			
2005	120,000	26,881	146,881
2006	115,000	24,481	139,481
2007	115,000	22,181	137,181
2008	110,000	19,881	129,881
2009	105,000	17,406	122,406
2010	105,000	14,781	119,781
2011	100,000	11,894	111,894
2012	100,000	8,894	108,894
2013	95,000	5,894	100,894
2014	90,000	2,925	92,925
Total	\$ 1,055,000	\$ 155,218	\$ 1,210,218

1995 Library Bond (2004 refinance)			
2005	135,000	40,638	175,638
2006	135,000	37,938	172,938
2007	130,000	35,288	165,288
2008	125,000	32,581	157,581
2009	125,000	28,988	153,988
2010	120,000	25,150	145,150
2011	120,000	21,700	141,700
2012	115,000	18,031	133,031
2013	115,000	14,150	129,150
2014	115,000	10,125	125,125
2015	110,000	6,119	116,119
2016	110,000	2,063	112,063
Total	\$ 1,455,000	\$ 272,771	\$ 1,727,771

2001 Joppa Hill Land Purchase			
2005	230,000	66,010	296,010
2006	230,000	56,810	286,810
2007	230,000	47,610	277,610
2008	230,000	38,410	268,410
2009	230,000	29,210	259,210
2010	230,000	19,780	249,780
2011	230,000	10,005	240,005
Total	\$ 1,610,000	\$ 267,835	\$ 1,877,835

	Principal	Interest	Total
1999 Landfill Closure Bond			
2005	100,000	67,200	167,200
2006	100,000	62,720	162,720
2007	100,000	58,240	158,240
2008	100,000	53,760	153,760
2009	100,000	49,280	149,280
2010	100,000	44,800	144,800
2011	100,000	40,320	140,320
2012	100,000	35,840	135,840
2013	100,000	31,360	131,360
2014	100,000	26,880	126,880
2015	100,000	22,400	122,400
2016	100,000	17,920	117,920
2017	100,000	13,440	113,440
2018	100,000	8,960	108,960
2019	100,000	4,480	104,480
Total	\$ 1,500,000	\$ 537,500	\$ 2,037,600

2003 Road Reconstruction Bond			
2005	800,000	196,800	996,800
2006	800,000	176,000	976,000
2007	800,000	155,200	955,200
2008	800,000	134,400	934,400
2009	800,000	113,000	913,000
2010	800,000	90,000	890,000
2011	800,000	65,000	865,000
2012	800,000	39,000	839,000
2013	800,000	13,000	813,000
Total	\$ 7,200,000	\$ 982,400	\$ 8,182,400

Grand Total Bonded Debt:

\$ 14,045,000 \$ 2,483,602 \$ 16,528,602



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Town Council and Town Manager
Town of Bedford
Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003 which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and the significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Bedford as of December 31, 2003, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 2, as of January 1, 2003, the Town has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 2 through 8 and 31 are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Bedford's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements and schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

March 11, 2004

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PLANNING BOARD

Paul Drahnak, Chairman

For the year 2004, residential growth increased by just 10 lots from 2003. Commercial growth sharply increased due primarily to the approval of Target & Lowes. The Planning Board approved a total of 454,397 sq. ft. of new commercial and industrial space, an increase of 149,129 sq. ft. over 2003, and the highest commercial/industrial growth in a single year on record in Bedford. Overall, the Planning Board had a busy year with review & approval of 84 applications, an increase of 25 applications from last year.

The Planning Board held a summer workshop to review possible amendments for the March 2005 ballot and to discuss the proposal for a Route 101 Corridor Zoning Ordinance. Some of the proposed zoning amendments included encouraging elderly housing in the Apartment Residential, Commercial, Service Industrial, and Performance Zone zoning districts by requiring a minimum of twenty-five percent (25%) of the units as affordable housing for low-income elderly persons. Other proposed amendments included: amending the requirement for a certified plot plan to require such a plan for all new buildings and additions and providing a better definition of "Kitchen" because of problems with unapproved apartments being fitted up in basements.

Topics for the Rt. 101 Corridor Ordinance included limiting building footprints in the Commercial Zone along Route 101 (possibly 20,000 sq. ft. per floor in the "village center" between Meetinghouse and Wallace Road, and 40,000 sq. ft. per floor in the remainder of the Commercial Zone), and changing the existing ordinance to allow multiple buildings per lot with a 30-foot minimum separation between buildings. Also discussed were a new access management plan with connected parking lot guidelines, new architectural standards, as well as revised landscaping standards from the PZ Zone.

Final approval was granted for:

- 14 subdivision plans – 53 new residential lots and 7 commercial lots
- 1 subdivision plan to subdivide a proposed 50 ft. right-of-way to be conveyed to the Town of Bedford from existing CFX Bank
- 4 Lot Line Adjustment plans

- 4 Home Occupation permits
- 11 site plans – 494,954 square feet of new commercial/industrial buildings or additions + 135 assisted living/independent living elderly housing units
- 1 site plan – 12,550 square feet church parish center
- 12 site plans – 48,029 square feet change-of-use commercial buildings
- 37 miscellaneous plans – concepts, design reviews, waivers, comprehensive plans, parking lot plans, etc.

Major developments reviewed included:

- Greenfield Farms Subdivision, Phase 9 – final approval of 20 lots on Tether & Swenson Roads.
- Target & Lowes – final approval to construct a 123,735 sq. ft. Target, a 165,765 sq. ft. Lowes Home Improvement Center, a 6,590 sq. ft. restaurant and a 4,200 sq. ft. restaurant at corner of South River Road & Back River Road.
- Bedford Self Storage – final approval of phase 2 to construct 4 buildings totaling 29,800 sq. ft. of self storage on Autumn Lane.
- Atwood Marketplace – final approval to construct a 13,650 sq. ft. pharmacy, a 3,108 sq. ft. bank, and a 5,000 sq. ft. retail food service as well as a change-of-use to convert an existing single story farmhouse to 1,224 sq. ft. of general office space at the corner of Wallace Road and Route 101.
- 88 Campbell Road Investments, LLC – Comprehensive subdivision plan to subdivide 2 lots into 47 single-family cluster residential lots and 1 lot for 7 units of attached elderly housing on Campbell Road. Final approval of 16 single-family cluster residential lots for the first phase of this 2 phase plan has been granted by the Planning Board. Phase 2 has yet to be submitted to the Planning Board.
- Rising Stars – final approval to construct a second 70,846 sq. ft. commercial recreation facility at 68 Technology Drive.
- Southeast Regional Education Services Center – final site to construct a 19,800 sq. ft. addition at 29 Commerce Drive.





Your Planning Board is dedicated to the promotion of quality development which will have lasting value, both economically and aesthetically, for all of the property owners and residents in Town. Towards this end, we have been honored to serve the Town.

PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

Karen White, AICP, Director

Development Trends

Commercial/industrial development for 2004 was the highest for a single year on record in Bedford with approval of 454,397 square feet. The Target & Lowes site plan was approved by the Planning Board on June 21, 2004. This approval of 300,029 square feet includes the two retail stores plus two restaurants and represents the most significant commercial development approved in Bedford to date. The development was also unique with its innovative subsurface storm-water detention system, coordination of blasting events as well as coordination with attorneys, developers, and site contractors. This approval is the result of more than 18 months of research and review by the Planning staff and various specialized consultants. The developer began blasting and rock crushing in September and hopes to complete the entire project in early Fall 2005. The planning staff was busy with other commercial development, performing approximately 50 site inspections of commercial/industrial/religious developments during 2004. Residential growth remained fairly consistent with 2003 with the approval of 53 residential building lots, just 10 more than last year but still well below an average of 125 new residential lots per year during prior years.

Prime Wetlands Mapping

The Prime Wetlands Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission, with assistance from the planning staff, completed its review of the proposals submitted for the prime wetland study. The Subcommittee selected the firm of VHB, Inc. of Bedford and a contract for services was subsequently signed by the Town Manager. The Conservation Commission has proposed dividing the project into 2 phases, one phase for 2004 and one phase for 2005, due to the need for additional funding to complete the project.

GIS Technology

The Planning Director, Public Works Director and Information Manager met with a representative of a GIS

Company to discuss the status of GIS in Bedford and to plan for new programs.

Route 101 Performance Zone

The Route 101 Performance Ordinance was tested by engineers from TF Moran, Inc. and Keach-Nordstrom Associates in a series of site designs using existing sites along Route 101. The results were presented to the Planning Board on Feb. 23rd 2004. The engineers discovered that, while the proposed ordinance is suitable for undeveloped land, it does not work well for encouraging re-development of existing building sites. Keach-Nordstrom Associates recommended that the Planning Board investigate a tool called discretionary zoning to provide economic incentives for re-development in the Village Center between Meetinghouse Road and Wallace Road. The Board ultimately decided against discretionary zoning and instead proposed the following zoning amendments for inclusion on the March 2005 ballot: requiring limiting building footprints in the Commercial Zone along Route 101 (20,000 sq. ft. per floor in the "village center" between Meetinghouse and Wallace Road, and 40,000 sq. ft. per floor in the remainder of the Zone), and changing the existing ordinance to allow multiple buildings per lot with a 30-foot minimum separation between buildings. The planning staff anticipates drafting language for a proposed landscaping ordinance for the Route 101 corridor for consideration in 2006.



(132 Bedford Center Road)



ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Sandra LaMontagne, Chairman

The Zoning Board of Adjustment has the authority to act in four separate and distinct categories: Appeal from Administrative Decision; Requests for Special Exceptions; Request for Variances and Equitable Waivers of Dimensional Requirements. The Board can grant any of the above items, where justified, but cannot amend the zoning ordinance or map. The Zoning Board of Adjustment is made up of 5 full members, one of which is a Town Councilor and 3 Alternate members. All of which are appointed by the Town Council.

Zoning ordinances involve more unusual conditions and extenuating circumstances than other land use regulations. Boards of Adjustment are established to provide for the satisfactory resolution of many of these situations without burdening the courts.

In 2004 the Zoning Board of Adjustment reviewed 60 applications for variances, special exceptions, equitable waivers and administrative appeals. This is about the same number of applications as last year..

The Zoning Administrator handles all public inquires regarding zoning questions and advises citizens on application procedures. Karin Elmer, Planner I, attends our meetings and provides information to Board members on the applications. All meetings are open to the Public. The Board hears evidence for and against variances, appeals from administrative decisions, and requests for special exceptions and equitable waivers. After hearing the evidence, the Board discusses the requests and votes in public session.

Applications for the Zoning Board of Adjustment and their meeting schedule are available at the Town Office and are also available on line at the Town of Bedford website at www.bedfordnh.org. Minutes of all meetings are also available at the Town of Bedford website. All applications are required to be submitted 14 days prior to the anticipated hearing date.

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Doris Peck Spurway, Secretary/Trustee

The Board of Trustees, Ralph Wiggin, Chairman; Donald Folsom, Trustee; and Doris Peck Spurway, Secretary/Trustee held eight meetings during 2004.

Cemetery burial records and genealogy from 1748 to 2002, of the occupants of the four town maintained cemeteries have been compiled by the secretary and recorded on a computer disc by volunteer John Robinson for permanent historical records. This information will be updated yearly and accessible through the town office. Our grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. Robinson.

Lots sold in 2004 totaled 20, of which 13 were for 4-place lots and 7 were 2-place lots. Burials totaled 24 with 8 full burials and 16 cremations. Replacement transfer documents totaled 2 with one exchange of location issued.

New burial forms and by-laws were approved by the Town Council and are now in effect. All new roadwork has been completed throughout the Bedford Center Cemetery. The cemetery is closed during the winter months, December to April for burials and/or traffic.

Please note, when this cemetery is filled, there is no further land expansion at this location. The Trustees advise a search for a future cemetery needs to be a priority before all sites in Bedford are absorbed for other purposes.

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Dorothy L. Witzel, Chairperson
Laura Dunn, M. Elaine Tefft

As of December, 2004, the voting list recorded 3,187 Democrats 7,125 Republicans and 4,642 Undeclared, for a total of 14,954 registered voters.

The Supervisors hold evening and Saturday sessions for registration of voters, as well as corrections to the checklist, before each election. These sessions are posted in the Town Office, the Library, and published in local newspapers. Residents may also register, correct or change their party at the Town Offices during regular



office hours. Eligible residents are also allowed to register to vote at the polls on voting days.

The Supervisors wish to thank Wanda Jenkins, Town Clerk, and her staff for handling the majority of registrations.

BEDFORD VILLAGE COMMON COMMITTEE

The Bedford Village Common is a 9.44 acre, Town-owned piece of land being developed into an open, meadow-like park. It is located in Bedford's Historic District, forming an arc that extends from the intersection of Rt. 101 and Bell Hill Rd., up behind the Bedford Public Library, and back down to Rt. 101. The development of the park is being done in phases, overseen by the Bedford Village Common Committee. The first phase, completed in 2003, was clearing of brush, allowing for a more open view of what the landscape has to offer and the installation of a black chain linked fence. In 2004 approximately \$2,000 worth of trees and lilac bushes, donated by the State Department of Transportation, were planted along the black fence. Plans for 2005 include continued clearing of small trees and brush, bringing water and electricity to the property and beginning the building of walking trails throughout the park. Other future plans include a Veterans memorial (a \$1000 donation was given by the VFW to help with this project), a memorial in honor of Maurice Goulet, long time resident, State Representative and town servant, (\$2,000 has already been donated), benches, additional plantings, and much-needed additional parking near the Library. The Bedford Village Common Committee includes Tom Riley (Chair), Jeanene Procopis, Jayne Spaulding, Mervyn Taub, Beverly Thomas, Kristin Desmarais, Lori Radke (Councilor, regular member), Christopher Bandazian (Councilor, alternate member), Anne Cruess, (consultant), and Nancy Larson (Planner II).

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

The Historic District Commission met 10 times during 2004. The Commission approved 8 commercial signs, 3 new commercial buildings, 3 commercial renovations, 1 commercial addition, 1 playground, 2 landscape changes, 1 new residential building, 1 residential renovations, 2 residential additions and 1 residential fence.

The Historic District Commission Regulations and the Rules or Procedure were both updated this year. Below is a summary of the changes that were made to each document:

Rules of Procedure, Dated June 7, 1994:

- All chapter and article numbers were updated as required to reference current publications.
- All references to "Corresponding Secretary" were changed to "Board Clerk".
- Signature requirements for the Certificates of Approval were reduced from two board members to one.
- References to posting public notices in the Library were changed to the Town Meeting Room.
- All references to the meeting times were changed from 7:30 to 7:00 pm.
- The listed meeting location was updated to "the Town Meeting Room, or as otherwise posted".
- Working session times and place were changed to 7:00 pm in a location as posted.
- The application filing deadline was changed from "fifteen days" to "ten working days" prior to the scheduled meeting date.
- The application for an appeal was changed from twenty to thirty calendar days after the date of decision to meet current state guidelines.

Regulations, Dated August 2, 1983; Amended December 5, 1995:

- All references to meeting time and location were changed to 7:00 pm and the Town Meeting Room.
- The number of members required for a quorum was reduced from four to three to match the requirements listed in the HDC Rules of Procedure document.
- The application deadline was updated to match that listed in the Rules of Procedure document (ten working days prior to the scheduled meeting).
- All references to "Subdivision Regulations" and "Non Site Plan Review Regulations" were



changed to "Land Development Control Regulations"

- "a change in color of any component of a building or structure" was added to the list of activities requiring approval by the HDC.

The Historic District Commission also spent some time this year developing the preliminary scope for a Bedford Center Beautification project. The initial plan is to hang flower baskets and/or flags from the telephone poles or some other mounting structure along the roads in the center of town. Although there is a lot of work needed to complete the project it will hopefully begin next year with additional baskets and/or flags added every year following.

The Historic District Commission had agreed (during 2003) to allow the Planning Board to have sole authority over the commercial properties within the Historic District upon the adoption of new zoning ordinances. These ordinances were never adopted so the HDC has retained its authority over the commercial properties.

The Historic District Commission continued to identify properties within the Historic District where violations of the regulations had been observed. These violations were brought to the attention of the Zoning Department.

Gregor Zimmermann served as Chairperson of the Historic District Commission with Paula Pease as Vice-Chairperson. Other members of the Commission include Beverly Thomas, Lori Radke representing the Town Council, and Harold Newberry representing the Planning Board. Alternates include William Jean, Timmie Maine Miller, William Van Anglen (representing Town Council) and Deb Sklar (representing Planning Board).

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

William H. Ingalls, Assessor

During the 2004 year the Town of Bedford conducted a complete property revaluation, the last one being performed in 1987. With a seventeen-year span between revaluations, the updated assessments were a surprise to some. The

average residential assessment increased 67% or 4% per year, while the average commercial assessment increased 37%.

Residential	\$2,451,653,822
Com/Ind	\$466,011,400
Utilities	\$17,014,489
Exempt	\$76,725,180

Total	\$3,011,434,891
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Property tax exemptions and credits totaled \$4,088,007.

The total number of property conveyances in Bedford as reported by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue was 662; slightly more than 2003 with sales prices continuing to increase over the year. Economic conditions in Bedford continue to be favorable, as several projects including Target & Lowe's and the French/Atwood Marketplace (on the site of the Curry barn, using parts of the original barn frame in the new construction) continue on towards completion. We saw the completion of the new Super Stop n' Shop on the old Caldor's property, and there are several smaller retail establishments being built as well, including on Bedford Center Road.

As of December 31, 2004, the classifications of specific property types are as follows:

Single Family Residence	6045
Residential Vacant	595
Residential Mobile Home	7
Residential Condominiums	539
Commercial/Industrial Improved	500
Commercial/Industrial Vacant	51
Exempt	239
Utilities	27
Total	8003

With the ushering in of the new statewide certification/review process in 2003, 2005 will mark the beginning of Bedford's ongoing re-verification and inspection program for the next complete valuation update scheduled for 2008 at this time. To satisfy the "value anew at least once every five years" requirement of the State Constitution and to avoid the expense of a complete revaluation every five years, the Bedford Assessor's Office will continuously re-verify and re-inspect properties a portion of town per year. Physical property characteristics either previously missed or recently changed will be added or removed from properties, and when an update is



performed it will be based on the most current and accurate information available.

Public access computer terminals are available in the assessing lobby along with tax maps for property research. Copies of records are available for a nominal fee. Assessment information can also be accessed online at www.visionappraisal.com. Assessing office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This has been an eventful year with some unique outcomes that will benefit the town for years to come.

The Commission finalized our easement documents and land management plan for the Joppa Hill Farm. This grants a perpetual conservation easement to the Bedford Land Trust, thus protecting the conservation area of the farm. The town has postponed a decision regarding the use of their portion of the land for twenty years.

There were 18 dredge and fill approvals for the year totaling 4.51 acres of wetland filling. One project has been delayed indefinitely, reducing the total to 3.82 acres. Two projects (Packard and PSNH) made up 2.82 acres of dredge and fill, for which the Commission received 34.15 acres of land in mitigation of these fills. These properties will be protected in perpetuity and will make a valuable addition to the town's open space.

We have also started the wetland mapping project of the town. This is a major undertaking and has never been done in Bedford. The first stage is being funded by donations made to the Town Council, and we will ask that the public allow us to pay for the final stage from funds that the Commission now holds in its account. This will be vital information as the build-out of the town continues, and we ask that you, the public, support us in approving this expenditure at the Town Budget Meeting.

I would like to express the gratitude of the Commission for the hard work and great diligence of the Pulpit Rock Subcommittee. This land is a jewel, and would not be so were it not for their devotion to this undertaking.

Finally I would like to thank the members of this Commission, who are all volunteers and who serve this town so well. This is demanding work, and our success is due to their attention to this task. I would also like to thank the town's staff, who support what we do and guide and advise us so well, in particular Karen White and Karin Elmer.

Pulpit Rock Subcommittee

The Pulpit Rock Subcommittee of the Conservation Commission is charged with overseeing and managing Bedford's Pulpit Rock Conservation Area. Pulpit Rock Committee members include Richard Moore, Bill Ewing, Peter Delano, Jay Barry, Bill Burns, Clark Gott, Ray Landry, Doug Pryce, Eric Soederberg, Barbara Tufts, and Conservation Commission representative, Jeffrey Nelson. Our thanks are extended to those who have helped out in past years at the Pulpit for our annual workdays, and we would welcome help this year. Also, anyone who would like to learn more about the birds, trees, geology, and history of the area, is welcome to join us for one of our Education Days. This year the Pulpit Rock workday is scheduled for Saturday, April 23rd and Education Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 14th. Please check the Bedford newspapers two weeks in advance for specific details, rain dates or possible schedule changes.

BEDFORD PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION

Don Foster - Chairman
Craig Sanderson - Director
Jane O'Brien - Program Coordinator

In January, the Parks & Recreation Department held the 12th Annual Winterfest at the Timber Town Playground. Activities included a treasure hunt at the Selvoski softball field, sledding races and relay races held in the snow by the sledding hill. We were all kept warm by Wayne Harressey's bon fire along with hot chocolate.

With a variety of Programs now being coordinated, registration for the Winter Programs excelled. Preschool programs continue to grow in popularity with the Play & Learn School for 18 month-3 year olds, as well as the Alphabet Soup



classes for 3-5 year olds, and new this year a cooking program entitled "Kid Chef" for 8-10 year olds was added which is held at the Town Hall kitchen facility.

Special events throughout the winter months included the 2nd Annual "Father/Daughter Dance" which entertained 40 fathers and daughters, ages 2 to 14. The Department assisted them in putting on their dancing shoes and swinging with their "little sweetheart" at Town Hall.

Our 13th Annual Family Cultural Series on Tuesday evenings was a hit as in the past and seems to continue to gain popularity every year. In 2004, 1,200 people attended one of the six shows, even though three out of the six were held inside Town Hall due to rainy weather this summer. The entertainment ranged from "Johnny the K Show" to "Wayne from Maine," always a popular entertainer with the young folks. Once again we would like to thank Habs Real Estate Group for sponsoring our Family Cultural Series. We would also like to thank Kyle Maddaus for renovating our performance stage which helped him complete his Eagle Scout badge.

Our 2nd Annual Adult Cultural Series on Thursday nights didn't seem to generate the attendance we had expected, but the number of entertainers did manage to keep Bedford adults rocking and rolling. Entertainment included the "Boot Scootin Boomers" as well as Paul Bordeleau's "Jazz Etc" with his debut of the now famous Bedford song co-written with Martha Gaudes, "Bedford Bedford". This event was co-sponsored with the Bedford Men's Club.

Our Summer Season which in the Recreation Department is always a busy one, was blossoming with the expansion of Camp Passaconaway and the grand opening of the newly renovated Bedford Memorial Pool. A record 209 children were registered in the summer camp program. This year's expanded camp included trips designed with the campers age in mind. The 6-9 year olds visited places like Dave's Mega Maze and the Ecotarium, while the 10-14 year olds were able to go hiking and on a white water rafting trip that in the past were not feasible considering the ages of our campers. A big thank you goes out to Michele Brisson our Camp Director, and Katie and Melissa Ross our Assistant Directors. Along with

increasing campership this year, our camp staff also increased to 18 adult leaders.

The newly renovated Bedford Memorial Pool had a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 12, 2004, which was attended by Town Councilors Bandazian and Scanlon along with Town Manager Keith Hickey and Parks & Recreation Director Brian Ross. The new addition to the pool included a water slide and a gradual declining "Splash Pool" to replace the old Kiddie pool. These new facilities made for the Pool seasons big success. Bedford's New Cool Pool Season Passes were in full swing with 185 passes being sold and Senior Citizens were given free passes. With the help of our Nickelodeons theme "Sponge Bob" give away, 200 water bottles left Town Offices the very first day of swim registration in May. Participation in swim lessons was a success, our swimming instructors were able to handle 639 children who arrived daily for the three swim lesson sessions. The daily average attendance for Open Swim/Family Swim for the month of June was 221, July 240 and August 188, far surpassing the 2003 daily average attendance. A thank you goes out to the Friends of Recreation and Kevin Gibbs whose organization donated portable picnic tables for the deck area and the Lion's Club who purchased a Shade Screen Area that will be in place this summer.



Joppa Hill was the big construction project for this year with the fields being constructed by CSSI out of Merrimack. A big thank you goes out to Town resident Jim Astarita who spearheaded getting donations to have the fields sodded in order to get them on line for the Spring of 2005. Donations were made by various sports leagues as well as private donors. The department wishes to thank all of those who became involved in this project.



Bedford Olde Towne Day scheduled for September 18th, had to be canceled this year due to the rainy weather that hit our community. We were successfully able to hold the Outdoor Teenage Dance that evening, where the Coalition of Bedford Youth and DJ Gary Burns were able to entertain the teenage Bedford community. In looking forward to the 14th Annual Olde Towne Day which is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2005, the Olde Towne Day Committee has decided we will have a rain date, which will be scheduled for the next day, Sunday, September 18th. So rain or shine we will have a 14th Annual Bedford Olde Towne Day for 2005.

Halloween Spooktacular IV, held on October 29th, a rainy Saturday evening, had over 375 children and parents in attendance. Judy Pancoast, Kid Pop entertainer, entertained the youngsters as the Recreation Department staff held a flashlight candy hunt in the McKelvie gymnasium.

During the Holiday season, the Recreation Department assisted Bedford children in forwarding their "Letters to Santa" via the North Pole Express Mailbox. Approximately 62 children took advantage of the special delivery system the Recreation Department and Bedford Men's Club had to offer. The 13th Annual "Bright Lights Contest", a residential decorating contest, which was sponsored with the help of The Bedford Village Inn was a huge success. Contestant winners were announced at the Living Nativity and Caroling Event held at Town Hall on December 23rd. This will round out the department's 2004 year.

In closing, we want to say "thank you" to those who sponsored or donated to the Projects and Programs for the Parks & Recreation Department for 2004. It takes a community effort to make Bedford a better place to live. Many individuals, organizations and businesses did their part to make this possible. A special "thank you" goes out to Brian Ross for his 15 years of devotion and dedication to the Town of Bedford and the Parks & Recreation Department.

BEDFORD COMMUNITY TELEVISION (BCTV)

Bill Jennings, Station Manager
Coleen Richardson, Assistant Station Manager

Bedford Community Television (BCTV) is the Town's local Public, Education and Government access community television station. BCTV has two channels. Channel 16 is for public and education programming. Channel 22 came on line in 2004, and is dedicated to government programming. All town government and School Board meetings are broadcast live on Channel 22 and rebroadcast for later viewing during the week.

The station exists as part of a standard contractual arrangement between the town and the local cable service provider, Comcast. Cable franchise fees collected from cable subscribers by Comcast fund the operation of the station. The station is NOT FUNDED BY TAX DOLLARS.

BCTV is governed by a Board of Overseers which is made up of residents and representatives from the town government and the School Board. The board meets once a month. The station is part of the Town of Bedford with fiscal responsibility remaining with the Town Manager and the Town Council.

The station's mission is to provide a forum for access to, and awareness of, public, education, and government community information. Use of the BCTV channels and facilities are free of charge to community members and non-profit organizations residing in Bedford. All local programming is either produced or taped by community volunteers who have been trained by Station Personnel.

2004 was an exciting year for BCTV. In March, BCTV broadcast its first live government meeting from McKelvie School, the annual budgetary town meeting. This was all made possible as a result of the town's new cable contract with Comcast. BCTV now has the ability to broadcast live programming from the McKelvie School Gym and Cafeteria. Another live broadcast drop was installed at the SAU for live School Board meetings.

With the continued growth of the station, an additional full time person was added to the staff. Coleen Richardson, who formerly worked in the town's finance department, became the Assistant Station Manager in February. Her addition has enabled the station to increase its programming



and expand its broadcasting coverage. Additional volunteers who responded to the station's open house in April, have also helped to produce programming that has added to the variety of shows seen on Channel 16, the public and education channel.

In November, BCTV producers received twelve individual awards for distinguished video production in the advancement of local community media at Northeast Alliance for Community Media Video Festival, which was held in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Community Access Television stations from New England, New York and New Jersey participated in the competition. Awards were presented to individuals in both the professional and non-professional categories.

In the Non-Professional Entries, Paul Brewster, from West High School, received first place in two categories, "Student Programming" and "Dramatic Programming" for his production, *"Lost for Words"*.

Gary Burns, another student from West High School, received a third place finish in "Student Programming" for his production, *"A Fan's Tribute to Dispatch"*.

Captain Kevin Murray of the Bedford Fire Department and BCTV volunteer producer David Kirsch received a third place finish in the "Instructional and Training" Category for their program on *"Ice Safety"*.

"Special Judges Merit Awards" in the non-professional entries were given to Three volunteer producers: Gary Wenzel for *"Adventures in Underwater Videography"*; Bryan Leggo for *"The McKelvie School Spring Concert"*, and Paul Brewster for *"NYC"*.

For Professional Entries, BCTV Station Manager, Bill Jennings received a first place award in the "Documentary Event" category with his piece on *"The New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery"*.

Doug Pearson, Bill Jennings and Assistant BCTV Station Manager, Coleen Richardson received a second place finish for "Municipal Programming" for Doug's show, *"Current Events"*. This show dealt with the revaluation update with Bedford

Town Manager, Keith Hickey and Town Assessor, Bill Ingalls.

Finally in the professional "Sports Programming" Category, Bill Jennings, Coleen Richardson and Al Heidenreich received a second place finish for their show on *"The Manchester Wolves"*. Additionally, Jennings and Richardson picked up a third place finish for their piece on the "New Hampshire Legends of Hockey".

BCTV would like to thank all of the volunteers who have made BCTV one of the most successful community access television stations in the state. Become part of the BCTV team and get your show on the air.

Contact Bill Jennings, Station Manager, or Coleen Richardson, Assistant Station Manager to learn more about the station and how you can get involved by calling 472-8288 or signing on to the BCTV website at www.bedfordtv.com.



BEDFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

David C. Bailey, Police Chief

As the town of Bedford continues to grow so do the calls for service for the Police Department, which grew approximately 3%. In the year 2004 burglaries went down slightly, and we went from three to four armed robberies. Unfortunately we had two fatal motor vehicle accidents. One involved a pedestrian on Back River Rd. The other was a turning accident on South Rd. by Executive Park Drive. The passenger in the vehicle succumbed to injuries attributed to the accident about a month later. Speeding, red light running, and road rage incidents seem to dominate the range of complaints that we receive. We will continue to aggressively pursue motor vehicle offenders, and when we are at full strength of our approved positions, someone will be assigned to enforce traffic laws as their main



function. Cameras at intersections to nab red light violators has been introduced in the NH legislature as a traffic enforcement and traffic safety tool. Legislation is needed to make the concept work. I personally support it, but I suspect opposition to the proposed bill for various reasons. Work on the Rte 101, South River Rd. interchange is progressing as scheduled. We expect some disruption during the 2005 season as South River between Kilton Rd. and Meetinghouse Road needs to be rebuilt. We are also monitoring the Target/ Lowe's project and looking at ideas to minimize the impact, especially to the residents in the area.

Although the town continues to grow and demands on our services continues to increase, the proposed 2005 budget does not include any new personnel. We continue to look at deployment of personnel as to the most efficient way of using all personnel without increasing our numbers. We currently have an intensive training program, and unfortunately not all new hires successfully complete the training. That is why at this writing as the New Year begins we are one short of our authorized strength. A brand new hire spends twelve weeks in the state academy, if they have no prior experience, and then all hires spend at least three months in a field training program, in which they accompany a field training officer. That is generally the only time you will see two officers in a vehicle. We are currently authorized thirty full time sworn officers, which includes myself. We also employ six full time civilian dispatchers, an animal control officer, an attorney who prosecutes criminal cases, and three support staff members, two who are clerical. The hiring process includes interviews, background checks, psychological testing, a polygraph test, and physical agility tests. This procedure could take up to two months.

As always, I wish to thank all members of the Bedford Police Department for their dedicated work throughout the year. I also thank the department heads, all the members of their staff, the Town Manager and the Town Council for their assistance, as we are all truly part of a team. Finally, I thank the most important part of the team, the citizens of Bedford, who with their cooperation and support make our job easier.

Bedford Police Department - 2004 Annual Statistics

Incidents	19,822
Abandoned Vehicles	54
Accidents	1450
Investigated	1434
Fatal	2
Property Damage	1341
Injury	92
Other	16
Alarms Answered	2362
Arrests	
Adult	1031
Juvenile	180
MV Summons Issued	1471
MV Warnings Issued	5598
Assaults	40
Assist Fire	165
Assist Other PD	226
Bomb Threat	0
Assist Utilities	34
Animal Complaints	314
Burglary	37
Civil90	
Disorderly	311
Dog Complaints	591
Drugs	16
Family Offense Calls	116
Found Property	94
Fraud/Counterfeit	68
Gun Complaints	36
Harassment Incidents	51
Highway Conditions	407
Homicide	0
Littering Complaints	29
MV Complaints	767
Phone Call Complaints	82
Lost Property	114
Rescue Assists	888
Robberies	4
Service Calls	682
Sex Offenses	21
Suicide	2
Sudden Deaths	10
Suspicious Person/Vehicle	674
Thefts	272
Town Ordinance Violations	19
Vandalism	271



(Ford Expedition purchased in 2004)



BEDFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Scott A. Wiggin, Fire Chief

I would like to first thank the community for the support it provided the Fire Department this past year. We have had a large amount of new commercial property that came on line this year. We had over 550,000 square feet of new commercial building space. Due to the size and complexity of these buildings, a lot of plan review and inspections were required. Two (2) additional firefighter's positions were added this past year to help assist in manpower needs. Currently we have 50% of our fulltime staff at Paramedic level status. This is a very impressive number of providers as 70% of our call volume is medical in nature.

This past year we experienced eight (8) structure fires of 1st alarm or greater. Of these fires more than half were caused or related to the use of wood heating devices. Caution should always be used when secondary heating sources are used.

I would like to congratulate Firefighter Mark Roarick and Firefighter Steven Turner for completing their Paramedic Certification classes this year.

Call volume continues to grow with the growth of the community. We will provide the best level of fire and medical services that our resources limit us to do.

As Chief of the Fire Department, I would like to thank all members for their commitment and dedication. I would also like to recognize and thank the newly established Bedford Fire Department Honor Guard for their commitment and initiative in providing such a valuable service.

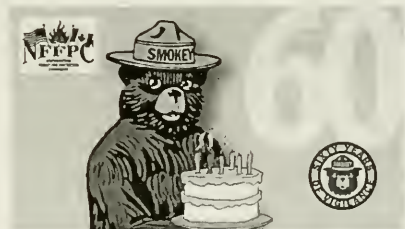
REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate and coordinate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. A fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely

covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department of DESSS at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of Forests & Lands (603) 271-2217, or online at www.nhdf.org.

This last year was fairly wet throughout the spring and summer months, however, we finished the season with an active fall fire season. In order to meet an increased demand for services, the Forest Protection Bureau was reorganized into three regions with small Forest Ranger Districts and over the last several years we have added two Forest Rangers. The fifteen state fire towers were the first to report on many fires throughout the state, and they completed many other projects on the low fire danger days. The state implemented a program called Tower Quest to help citizens learn about fire towers and the need to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. The United States celebrated Smokey Bear's 60th birthday in 2004, and celebrations were held throughout the state. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire smart and fire safe!

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRES





2004 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires Reported through November 18, 2004)

Causes of Fires Reported

Arson	15
Campfire	41
Children	12
Smoking	19
Debris	201
Railroad	1
Lightening	5
Equipment	5
Misc. *	163

(* powerlines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)

Total Fires by Year

Year	# Fires	# Acres
2004	462	147
2003	374	100
2002	540	187
2001	942	428
2000	516	149



(House Fire – January 2004)

The department reviewed plans, performed inspections and issued Certificate of Occupancies on over 550,000 square feet of new and existing commercial space. The most visible of these projects are at the intersection of Wallace Road and Route 101 and at the intersection of Route 3 and Back River Road. Based upon the construction timetables set by the contractors for these areas both sites are anticipated to be complete by early fall of 2005. There are other large commercial projects that have received approvals that have yet to apply for permits.

This past year the focus for health concerns in the state moved from West Nile Virus to the SARS outbreak and the shortage of flu vaccine. The SARS outbreak worldwide was a serious reminder to the industrialized nations of the world that none of us are immune to disease outbreaks regardless of the sophistication of our medical infrastructure. This has caused the health community to rethink and reexamine the policies regarding public health on all levels from local to federal and worldwide.

The Bedford Building Department's effort to maintain its high level of code enforcement has been recognized by the New Hampshire Building Officials Association. The NHBOA has appointed Bedford's Code Official to be its representative to the New Hampshire State Building Code Review Board.

BUILDING/HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Wayne A. Richardson, CBO Code/Health Official
Wayne H. Moore, Code/Health Inspector

Inspections and permits for 2004 remained at consistent levels of past years. Certificates of Occupancy were issued for 123 new residential dwelling units.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

YEAR	COMPARISON OF VALUE* OF WORK BEING DONE BY YEAR					
	2001		2002		2003	2004
COMMERCIAL ADDITION			\$1,147,000	4	\$2,450,000	2
COMMERCIAL REMODEL	\$1,470,593	41	\$5,867,600	29	\$2,370,918	52
NEW COMMERCIAL	\$6,483,802	6	\$3,847,800	7	\$25,402,200	18
NEW RESIDENTIAL DWELLING	\$44,067,376	225	\$56,248,075	210	\$42,047,435	136
NEW RESIDENTIAL	\$1,037,536	39	\$615,265	26	\$567,360	23
RESIDENTIAL ADDITION	\$3,578,855	190	\$4,985,739	243	\$6,244,713	233
RESIDENTIAL REMODEL	\$805,648	28	\$648,130	19	\$568,635	31
SEPTIC	\$380,400	68	\$334,050	54	\$242,250	43
SIGNS	\$66,956	21	\$76,188	23	\$78,061	17
SHEDS	\$73,619	37	\$136,769	46	\$170,295	62
SWIMMING POOLS	\$599,737	37	\$733,150	48	\$945,940	50

Additions = where finished square footage was added to existing structure

Remodel = where no new space was added only reconfiguring and updating

New = entirely new structures (in residential this excludes dwellings)

Figures in italics are the number of permits issued to generate the values in the table.

* = VALUES ARE BASED UPON FIGURES GIVEN ON PERMIT APPLICATIONS

TOWN OF BEDFORD

Building permits
New Dwelling Units

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Single	150	157	196	161	193	210	136	143
Duplex	6	35	20	6	0	0	0	0
Condos	64	108	26	34	24	0	0	0
Apartmts	0	240	0	100	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	220	540	242	301	217	210	136	143

Certificates of Occupancy

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Single	133	145	171	189	157	199	135	123
Duplex	5	28	15	20	1	0	0	0
Condos	5	86	57	30	25	19	0	0
Apartmts	204	0	212	58	70	0	0	0
TOTAL	347	259	455	297	253	218	135	123



BEDFORD PUBLIC WORKS

James B. Stanford, P.E., Director

Bedford Public Works has five divisions: Administrative, Highway, Solid Waste, Wastewater and Building Maintenance. There are 23 FT, 1 FT/Half Year, 6 PT and 3 seasonal employees. The department is responsible for maintaining a large segment of the Town's physical infrastructure as well as delivering important services including trash waste disposal; sewer service; snow/ice removal and treatment; Town events assistance; and new subdivision construction oversight.

The comprehensive roads program continued this year, in part, with funding from the 8 million dollar bond appropriation approved at Town Meeting in 2003. We continued use of the pavement management system to evaluate and recommend cost effective alternatives for improving the condition of town roads. In total, over 7 miles of town roads were improved with rehabilitation or bituminous asphalt treatment. Among the road projects, Ministerial Road and Beals Road underwent complete reconstruction with drainage system improvements. In addition, we installed a water main and provided resident hookup along Magazine Street and a portion of Wallace Road. A major rain event in early April necessitated amendment of the roads program when culverts on Oak Drive and Wendover Way washed out. We were able to have Oak Drive temporarily repaired and reopened immediately however, Wendover Way was closed for the remainder of the year with final repairs completed just after the New Year. Bridge replacement on Campbell Road over McQuade Brook and bridge wall repairs on North Amherst Road over Riddle Brook were planned major drainage projects that were completed this year.

I would like to thank all the staff members for their cooperation and congratulate them on their many accomplishments this past year.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Paul Belanger, Superintendent / Asst. Director

During the 2004 winter seasons there were 28 incidents of snow and ice. While the winter

months did not yield significant snowfall totals, we did have several freezing/ice events and extremely cold temperatures. Again we enter the New Year with a heavy snow-cover.

Highway crews continued to play a key role in our long-range road improvement plan by spending the non-winter months on general road maintenance and drainage system construction. As part of the roads program, crews made several drainage system improvements to South River Road. To aid in the maintenance responsibilities, the Department purchased a 6-wheel dump truck, a one-ton truck and a pickup truck.



(Ministerial Road Construction)

WASTEWATER, SOLID WASTE AND BUILDING MAINTENANCE DIVISIONS

Stephen R. Crean, Environmental Coordinator

Wastewater projects completed in 2004 include the County Road Pump station, East Point Properties, South River Road relocation, Kilton Road relocation, Constitution Drive pump station upgrade and several small extensions in the Performance Zones.

The recycling program continues to be a big success and is saving taxpayers thousands of dollars in disposal fees. To aid in our goal of increased savings, we joined with several other New Hampshire communities and entered into a contract for metal recycling with the New England Resource Recovery Association.

Building maintenance projects in 2004 included replacing heat pumps at the Town Office Building and minor improvements to the Town Hall.



I would like to thank all the other departments for their help and support during 2004.

2004 ROAD PROGRAM

Rehabilitation:

	From:	To:
Beals Rd.	Wallace Rd.	Gage Girls Rd.
Ministerial Rd.	Bedford Ctr.	Wallace Rd.
Riddle Dr.	Ministerial Rd.	500' W. of Burleigh

Wearing Course:

	From:	To:
N. Amherst Rd.	Campbell Rd.	Riddle Brook
Rockwood Ct.	N. Amherst Rd.	End
Joppa Hill Rd.	N. Amherst Rd.	Carriage Ln.
County Rd.	Liberty Hill Rd.	Patten Rd.
Rundlett Hill	Donald St. Ext.	Worthley Rd.
Liberty Hill Rd.	County Rd.	Meetinghouse Rd.

BEDFORD WATER AND SEWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bruce A. Thomas, P.E., Chairman

The Bedford Water and Sewer Advisory Committee is charged to advise the Town Council and make recommendations in conservation, planning, infrastructure, funding mechanisms and legislation.

Over the past year, the Committee's focus has been on discussing and advising the Town Council on private well contamination matters, the review of proposed water conservation legislation, the review of projects that involved the Town's water or sewer system expansion and the formation of a Pennichuck Regional Water District. Our latest efforts have been to formulate a public education plan for water conservation.

The Committee typically meets on the second Friday each month at 7:30 a.m. The following members served the Committee and the Town with distinction over the past year: Paul Goldberg, Richard Moore, Bruce Thomas, Town Council Representatives Kevin Keyes and William Van Anglen, Steven Crean, Environmental Coordinator, Karen White, Town Planner and Keith Hickey, Town Manager. Leonard Bailey was a member of the Committee until he passed

away last summer. Leonard was an asset to the Committee and will be missed.

BEDFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Shirley A. Barron, Library Director

Trustees: Robert Brooks, Edward Moran & Richard Tucker



This year's Bedford Town Survey conducted at the polls on March 9, 2004 once again yielded rave reviews for the Bedford Public Library! We greatly appreciate such positive feedback from the residents of Bedford, and strive to continue to provide the high level of library service you've come to enjoy and expect.

The year 2004 was another extraordinarily busy one at the library, and another year marked by change and increased activity. Among our accomplishments this year was a record-setting children's Summer Reading Program. 1171 individuals (New record!) ages 3-12 read 22,424 books, which surpasses the previous all-time record of 20,296 books read. It was an incredibly busy summer in the Children's Department and special thanks are in order to Luci Albertson for creating such an outstanding and exciting summer reading program, and to her staff for somehow coping with such a huge workload – and thoroughly enjoying the harried pace! In addition, we had 2181 visits to the Craft Castle over the summer and 2105 attendees at the summer programs. It was so rewarding to see so many of Bedford's children actively engaged in reading, and participating in our many summer events. Thanks to our many sponsors, including the Bedford Public Library Foundation, the Rotary Club, Citizens Bank and the Men's Club, for their financial support and to Bedford's many



merchants for their generosity in furnishing prizes.

We completed a Horizon software upgrade in 2004, along with a major network upgrade and associated hardware upgrades. We also launched a 24/7 virtual Reference System providing continuous Internet access to a live reference librarian 24 hrs a day through the library's web site. This service is part of our library's GMLCS consortium, a shared regional network of nine public and three academic libraries, and funded by a Rebecca Lee Spitz grant by the Saul O Sidore Memorial Foundation. We were also the recipients, thanks to the Town of Bedford, of a new phone system as well as a working HVAC system. We thank the Town Manager and the Town Council for their financial support in these endeavors, as well as their support throughout the year. In 2004 we received a grant from the NH Humanities Council for an evening book discussion group "Bootstraps & Pie: Claiming America Program" which proved to be very popular. We also participated in New Hampshire public radio's "Storylines" and the American Library Association provided us with copies of the books discussed in this series.

We had some staffing changes in 2004: Marie Lasher, part-time Reference Librarian, left us for Chester College and was replaced by Stacey McKinley. We welcome Stacey and thank Marie for her service to the Bedford Public Library. Marguerite Frizzell is out on sick leave, and Jane White is filling in until Marguerite's return. We hope Marguerite recovers soon as she is greatly missed by both the children of Bedford and the library staff alike. In addition to our staff, we are fortunate to have ten dedicated volunteers who provide support to our staff and enable us to provide such excellent service. We're blessed to have such dedicated volunteers, hope they all remain with us for many years to come and thank them for a job well done! We're attempting to recruit more volunteers to assist the library so if you would like to donate approximately 2 hours a week or help with special projects, please contact the library.

The library, currently open a total of fifty-seven hours a week, is also available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week via the web. Our website at www.bedford.lib.nh.us provides remote access to

the library's catalog and twenty-one full-text databases, including several electronic student resources. In 2004 we averaged 1,668 hits a week on our website, for a yearly grand total of 86,736 website hits! From home or office, users can access our online catalog, view their account, renew items or place requests --- all without entering the library itself! And this year we were able to generate electronic overdue notices and electronic notifications that requested items have arrived --- all conveniently sent to your e-mail accounts. Please remember to update us with any changes in your e-mail addresses as we'll continue to notify you electronically.

The Bedford Public Library continues to serve as a place to connect and a gathering place where people of all ages can share interests and concerns, find information, discover new books in a variety of formats, as well as interact and connect with other people. The library's meeting rooms provide a popular meeting place for the many organizations in town. Our popular Sunday Concert Series (sponsored by the Friends of the Bedford Library and funded by the Bedford Public Library Foundation), library programs, book discussion groups, NH Humanities Council Programs, and ongoing art displays/ exhibits provided enjoyment to so many --- our library has truly become a cultural hub for the citizens of Bedford. We thank all of you who displayed your art or shared your treasured collections with us in 2004.

We would like to thank those who have helped the Bedford Public Library throughout the year: the Friends of the Library, the Bedford Public Library Foundation for their many contributions, our volunteers who give so much of their time to the library, and the many individuals and local organizations who donated so much to the library. The Friends sponsor the popular Sunday Concert Series, Wassail party and Thanksgiving Pie Sale. They funded passes to the Museum of Fine Arts and the Currier Gallery of Art, as well as the printing of "Bedford Profiles", and they also provided funding for the purchase of media pouches, a toddler duplo table and a big frog. This year the Foundation provided us with the funding for children's programs, DVDs, contractual computer systems person, Modern Scholar series, sand table, and the New England Aquarium Pass. Carlyle Place donated a beautiful painting from



its annual art show; the Bedford Newcomers Club donated a pass to the Children's Museum in Boston; the Bedford Parent Teachers Group funded a pass to the Museum of Science; the Men's Club, Rotary and Citizens Bank, along with many other sponsors, helped underwrite the cost of our summer reading program; the Bedford's Women's Club donated memorial books; the Bedford Garden Club maintained our beautiful flower garden and planted the urns; and the Lions Club provided us with library card protectors. Donations were received from the Blue Seas Investment Club and the Joy Buck Club, as well as many gifts of books from the town's residents. Gifts from individuals abounded in 2004 and we're so very grateful for all of your support. Thanks to: Karol Sheehan, Marie Carbonneau, Julie Hunter, Sheila Roberge, Marion Hauck (who donated money to the library to be used for our Teen Reading Program), R. Patrick Broadwater, Mary Gikas, Peter Bickerton, Rosewood Condo Assoc. and the Bedford Italian Cultural Society. We are most grateful for all that is done for the library by so many dedicated individuals and groups. The Bedford Public Library is truly a special place --- due to the generosity and support from our wonderful community.

We would also like to recognize the dedicated efforts of Kirk Fountaine and that of the Bedford Police Department, the Bedford Fire Department, and the Bedford Public Works Department and thank them for all they do to help out the library. We've greatly appreciated all of their help and dedicated assistance in 2004! And a very special thanks this year to the Town's Finance Director Crystal Dionne and Town Manager Keith Hickey for all of their assistance, and to the Town Council for their additional financial support in 2004. We greatly appreciate your help and couldn't do all that we do without your support.

On a more somber note we unfortunately incurred budgetary constraints late in 2004 and the library was forced to temporarily cut back on part-time staffing from mid-November until the end of December. This was a bleak time for us, but we thank our patrons for their understanding during this difficult time and our staff for dealing with this situation. We managed to get through it, although it was not easy ... and look forward to 2005!

2004 Library Statistics

Books on accession (12/31/2003)	68,848
Books purchased:	6,197
Books donated:	1,253
Sub-total	76,298
Books withdrawn:	7,779
Books on accession (12/31/04):	68,519

Library Holdings (12/31/04)

Books	68,519
Magazines	6,101
Audio books	2,515
Video cassettes	2,459
Video discs	747
Compact discs	1,503
Total	81,844
Subscriptions	2004
Magazines (titles)	119
Newspapers (titles)	11
Microfiche	29
Microfilm - 1 title, 31 rolls (Bedford Bulletin)	

2004 Circulation Statistics

Books	157,219
Magazines	8,572
Compact Discs	4,641
Videos/DVDs	38,003
Audio Books	12,078
Museum Passes	248
Subtotal	220,761
Electronic Resources	94,605
Total	315,366

Bedford Public Library – Special Account 2004

Cash on Hand 1/1/04	\$290.25
Income:	
Meeting Room	220.00
Copies	420.66
Book Sales	1,595.90
Fines	12,434.05
Gifts	6,044.43
Non-resident fees	245.00
Trust Funds	569.79
Replacements	2,056.22
Interest	11.54
Total Income	\$23,597.59
Disbursements:	
Miscellaneous	457.24
Programs	4,498.16
Copiers	2,225.73
Library Enhancements	9,446.56
Books and Media	6,220.10
Total Disbursements	\$22,847.79
Cash on Hand 12/31/04	\$1,040.05



BEDFORD TOWN CLERK

Wanda L. Jenkins, Town Clerk

One of Bedford's busiest election years in my time in office has just concluded. The year began with the Presidential Primary in January. The total number of ballots cast by residents for the field of 14 Republican candidates and 23 Democratic Candidates during the election was 4614.

The Primary was followed closely by the Town election on March 9. A bonding proposal for recreation projects and a proposal to bond a water line down Magazine Street were both defeated by voters. A separate Town survey ballot gave residents an opportunity to rate services provided by the Town and the overall vote was favorable.

The Special Town Election on August 31 had warrant articles on the ballot relating to charter amendments proposed by citizen petitions. One article proposed to change from the traditional town meeting style of government to official ballot voting. The second article proposed to split the town into five voting districts. Both articles were defeated

The Secretary of State, William Gardner had predicted the September 14 State Primary to have a low voter turnout, and that prediction held true throughout the State. Of the total registered voters only 16% cast their ballot in Bedford. The Primary narrowed the field of 13 Republican and 7 Democratic candidates who had filed to fill 6 positions for State Representative.

The year culminated with the November 2 General Election. Strong interest by local residents, as well as residents and military personnel living outside of NH and the USA, overshadowed the two previous elections. The extensive voting lines that formed prior to the polls opening at 7:00am at McKelvie Middle School greeted the oncoming voters and continued until the polls closed. Although residents had to wait an extended period of time to vote, the election on a whole went smoothly with 11,026 votes cast or a 73.7% of the registered voters.

Looking ahead – the State has been working on several improvements to record keeping and accessibility. An aid to an election schedule such

as that of the past year will be one of these improvements: on a statewide voter registration database with an implementation date of 2006.

The upcoming New Hampshire Vital Record Information System is being billed as the most complete and comprehensive one in the nation with 100% of the New Hampshire hospitals and funeral homes online. The central database will be in Concord but the Town Clerk and supervisors will input the data, taking advantage of local knowledge of the changing community to keep up-to-date. Effective January 1, 2005, access to birth records of an adult adoptee will be made available through SB33, and the new Heirloom Birth Certificate to be issued by the state will be available for a \$25 fee.

The November election, which will be a memorable one, tested our abilities and required the high level of dedication by all who were involved. A special thanks to all, you are a wonderful group.

TOWN CLERK ACCOUNTS:

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS:

Debits:	
UCC Filings	7,217.00
Certified Copies	5,216.00
Marriage Licenses	4,860.00
Dredge & Fill	110.00
Articles of Agreement	20.00
Miscellaneous	2,949.67
Total Debits	\$20,372.67

Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$20,372.67
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DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT:

Debits:	
Licenses Issues	16,030.50
License Penalties	2,621.50
Dog Violations	1,000.00
Total Debits	\$19,652.00

Credits Remitted to Treasurer	\$19,652.00
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Grand Total Remitted to Treasurer	\$40,024.67
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2004000005	BERKOWITZ, TODD A	BEDFORD, NH	ROY, MAUREEN L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/01/2004
2004000006	MIVILLE, JOHN C	BEDFORD, NH	DEGRACE, CLARE J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/02/2004
2004000020	BEASLEY, EDWARD D	BEDFORD, NH	LOVETT, MARIA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/03/2004
2004000142	HAZELTON, JOSEPH M	BEDFORD, NH	KEARNS, KELLY J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	01/02/2004
2004000471	KANT, BENJAMIN B	BEDFORD, NH	MARSHAK, SARAH E	BEDFORD, NH	HOOKSETT	MANCHESTER	02/05/2004
2004001494	GORVINE, JEFFREY	MANCHESTER, NH	LOOGE, COLLEEN G	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	02/07/2004
2004000539	BOLTON, JASON R	BEDFORD, NH	DUAL, SARAH L	BEDFORD, NH	DERRY	MANCHESTER	02/13/2004
2004000557	DARVIS, TERRENCE M	BEDFORD, NH	VOGLER, SHIRLEY A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MERRIMACK	02/21/2004
2004000788	VERGE, DOUGLAS G	BEDFORD, NH	VOGLER, KAREN D	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	DERRY	03/17/2004
2004001098	LEVENSAIOR, ANTHONY T	BEDFORD, NH	NICHOLS, SARAH E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	03/19/2004
2004001129	GUIDICE, ALAN J	BEDFORD, NH	GUIDICE, NANCY L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	04/16/2004
2004001532	CORDEIRO, JOHN J	BEDFORD, NH	HOBSON, YVETTE	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	04/17/2004
2004001588	MOFF, PAUL F	WOODSTOCK, IL	LENNAN, GAIL T	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	04/19/2004
2004001636	HENRY, RYAN P	BROKEN ARROW, OK	WALLACE, MAUREEN R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	CONCORD	04/23/2004
2004001688	HERGEAU, JASON M	BEDFORD, NH	ROULLARD, NICOLE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	04/24/2004
2004001715	TANGJAY, PETER M	MANCHESTER, NH	NOURY, JESSICA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	04/24/2004
2004001788	RISORNET, MICHAEL L	BEDFORD, NH	CARMICHAEL, KERRY A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WINDHAM	04/30/2004
2004001879	GILBERT, JUSTIN O	BEDFORD, NH	BOUCHARD, JENNIFER M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/01/2004
2004001946	CARR, PAUL H	BEDFORD, NH	KILPACK, VIRGINIA M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	05/03/2004
2004001983	BURNETT, WESLEY C	BEDFORD, NH	NORMAN, TERESA L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	LONDONDERRY	05/06/2004
2004002390	LEWIS, JAMAIL	WINTER PARK, FL	CRISP, DEBRA L	BEDFORD, NH	NASHUA	DERRY	05/21/2004
2004002397	BRISTOL, CHRISTOPHER P	BEDFORD, NH	BELLEVEILLE, NOELLE M	BEDFORD, NH	LONDONDERRY	MANCHESTER	05/22/2004
2004002558	CHALFOUR, HENRI R	MANCHESTER, NH	LANOY, CELINE J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HUDSON	05/25/2004
2004002562	HAMILTON, GARRETT L	BEDFORD, NH	HIERS, COLLEEN E	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	05/25/2004
2004002914	COLLIER, MICHAEL A	BEDFORD, NH	SNOWDON, MICHELLE S	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WEARE	06/05/2004
2004003142	MILLER, JONATHAN H	BEDFORD, NH	DESFOSSES, DANYELLE E	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/05/2004
2004003236	SHEA, MICHAEL J	BEDFORD, NH	HALEY, BARBARA A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WILTON	06/05/2004
2004003237	SNOW, JONATHAN N	MANCHESTER, NH	DEMERS, KELLY L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	AMHERST	06/11/2004
2004003395	LAWRENCE, PATRICK J	BEDFORD, NH	PLAYBON, CHRISTINE B	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	SUGAR HILL	06/20/2004
2004003397	COALE, BRETT A	BEDFORD, NH	HAYNIE, TIMMONS, KATHY A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	NASHUA	06/20/2004
2004003399	MELNICK, ROWELL S	BEDFORD, NH	LINDEN, JOANNE	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	ATKINSON	06/20/2004
2004003438	LATULIPE, RONALD G	BEDFORD, NH	SUDSBURY, NOREEN D	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/25/2004
2004003534	COWETTE, JASON B	MANCHESTER, NH	KOSKY, JENNIFER A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/25/2004
2004003597	RICHIE, WILLIAM F	BEDFORD, NH	FOSTER, NANCY L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	06/25/2004
2004003597	PICKEREL, TODD M	GENOA, OH	THORNTON, STEPHANIE A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HOLDerness	06/28/2004
2004003540	THERRIEN, MICHAEL N	BEDFORD, NH	IRISH, ERICA D	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	HOLDerness	06/28/2004

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2004003651	TARDIFF, JONATHAN P	MANCHESTER, NH	COTE, KRISTINA D	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	LONDONCERRY	06/26/2004
2004004004	BROOKER, HAROLD L	BEDFORD, NH	CORBETT, KELLY S	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	07/01/2004
2004003650	PRIVE, KEITH M	BEDFORD, NH	STANHOPE, JENNIFER E	NEWBOSTON, NH	MILFORD	MILFORD	07/03/2004
2004004312	THOMAS, THOMAS J	BEDFORD, NH	ISHCHUK, INGA V	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	07/05/2004
2004004131	LINDER, BRAD R	MANCHESTER, NH	HON, RACHEL A	PEMBROKE, NH	PEMBROKE	CONCORD	07/07/2004
2004004473	LAWSON, ANDREW A	BEDFORD, NH	SIROIS, CHRISTINA M	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	07/10/2004
2004004668	BROWN, MICHAEL R	BEDFORD, NH	GOLDING, KATHLEEN M	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	WILTON	07/17/2004
2004004767	MARTIN, STEVEN F	BEDFORD, NH	LIDMAN, JEANNE M	MILFORD, NH	MILFORD	07/24/2004	
2004004731	WHEELER, TIMOTHY A	BEDFORD, NH	IVOS, KRISTEN L	MANCHESTER, NH	BEDFORD	PORTSMOUTH	07/24/2004
2004004746	AINSWORTH, MATTHEW J	BEDFORD, NH	LAWRY, JENNIFER R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	07/24/2004
2004004750	HIERONYMUS, PAUL S	BEDFORD, NH	BISBEE, CHELSEA L	MANCHESTER, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/24/2004
2004004729	COUGHLIN, JAMES E	BEDFORD, NH	BAETENS, WENDI A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/24/2004
2004004618	MASSEY, DEREK M	BEDFORD, NH	BYRON, KERRI A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	07/26/2004
2004004932	BOISVERT, PETER P	MANCHESTER, NH	RUBIN, HOPPE A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	07/31/2004
2004004956	HUGHES, MICHAEL A	BEDFORD, NH	RUTHERFORD, EUGENIA L	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	07/31/2004
2004006564	WENTA, HENRY	BEDFORD, NH	TURGEON, KATE E	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	07/31/2004
2004006137	PLAGE, DOUGLAS N	BEDFORD, NH	SLIMERSKI, JUDITH A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	RYE	08/07/2004
2004006531	JODON, GREG J	MERRIMACK, NH	BOTTER, ANNE B	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	08/07/2004
2004006504	PAROYAN, GREG M	ALLSTON, MA	ODAY, KAREN A	BEDFORD, NH	MERRIMACK	MANCHESTER	08/14/2004
2004006566	HARGOOD, KENNETH S	BEDFORD, NH	SULLIVAN, ELIZABETH A	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	RINDGE	08/15/2004
2004006068	TARDIFF, NORMAN C	BEDFORD, NH	VASYLYEVA, OLGA	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/20/2004
2004006057	LAVOIE, MATTHEW T	MANCHESTER, NH	THURSTON, KATHERINE A	BEDFORD, NH	CONCORD	MANCHESTER	08/20/2004
2004005735	ITSE, DAVID C	FREMONT, NH	LIVINGSTONE, CANDICE J	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	AUBURN	08/21/2004
2004005919	MCEVOY, EDWARD M	PETERBOROUGH, NH	FRANCO, MART BETH	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/21/2004
2004006117	BUTLER, MARK R	BEDFORD, NH	MCCUTCHEON, KATHERINE L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	08/27/2004
2004006116	RAISTY, STEVEN P	BEDFORD, NH	SOIS, SUZANNE E	MANCHESTER, NH	BEDFORD	GOFFSTOWN	08/28/2004
2004007279	MORRISSETTE, STEPHEN P	BEDFORD, NH	KILLEN, TRACY L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/03/2004
2004006933	O'ROURKE, JUSTIN C	BEDFORD, NH	ROBATKO, KAREN L	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/03/2004
2004006762	UTELL, MITCHELL P	BEDFORD, NH	SEBASTIAN, BANA B	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/05/2004
2004005702	EKAHL, GARY I	AMHERST, NH	PEARSON, ANNE T	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	BEDFORD	09/10/2004
2004006462	ROYER, BRUCE K	BEDFORD, NH	ALVES, PAULA R	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/19/2004
2004006868	SMITH, DAVID S	BEDFORD, NH	DIONNE, PAMELA J	BEDFORD, NH	SALEM	SALEM	09/19/2004
2004007472	HARRIS, RONALD A	BEDFORD, NH	BERKOWITZ, LISA A	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	09/25/2004

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2004007475	ALLARD, ERIC L.	BEDFORD, NH	MARTELL, MICHELLE M.	HAMPTON, NH	BEDFORD	NORTH HAMPTON	09/25/2004
2004007914	HAWKINS, JAMES R.	DERRY, NH	PARADISE, MARIA M.	BEDFORD, NH	EFFINGHAM	NORTH CONWAY	09/25/2004
2004007792	FOURNIER, JAMES L.	BEDFORD, NH	MATTINGLEY, WENDY E.	CAPON SPRINGS, WV	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	10/02/2004
2004008059	MONTPLAISIR, EDWARD J.	BEDFORD, NH	SOTERION, COLETTE R.	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	10/09/2004
2004008100	ROSS, MARTIN	MANCHESTER, NH	BLANFORD, JUDITH G.	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	10/09/2004
2004008117	MILLS, ANTHONY B.	BEDFORD, NH	RUJAJENSE	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	MANCHESTER	10/09/2004
2004007956	SHINGALA, ASHWIN S.	BEDFORD, NH	CHAUVIN, THERESA A.	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/09/2004
2004007954	RANFOS, KENNETH N.	BEDFORD, NH	REGAN, SUSAN M.	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/10/2004
2004008239	REGAN, THOMAS G.	BEDFORD, NH	LINGARD, LUCILLE T.	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	10/13/2004
2004008334	FREDERIQUE, PHILIPPE A.	MANCHESTER, NH	KIRCHHERR, EMILY A.	WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, VT	MANCHESTER	MANCHESTER	10/15/2004
2004008336	YADATI, SHYAM L.	BEDFORD, NH	HARRIS, AMY J.	BEDFORD, NH	GOFFSTOWN	GOFFSTOWN	10/19/2004
2004008393	ROSS, ADAM J.	BEDFORD, NH	DEABILL, WENDY E.	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	11/05/2004
2004009134	MACLEARN, LACHLAN C.	BEDFORD, NH	GEH, JIMMY G.	BEDFORD, NH	MANCHESTER	GOFFSTOWN	11/05/2004
2004009335	MILLS, PATRICK J.	MANCHESTER, NH	QUINLAN, KATHRYN H.	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	GOFFSTOWN	11/22/2004
2004009514	MAGUIRE, LORNA W.	BEDFORD, NH	TSANTOUSS, ELAINE D.	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/11/2004
2004009552	AUBE, DEL R.	BEDFORD, NH	MORRIS, SARAH B.	BEDFORD, NH	BEDFORD	BEDFORD	12/25/2004
2004009886	SMITH, JUDITH L.	ABABILA					

Total number of records 90

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SFN	Child's Name	Date Of Birth	Place Of Birth	Father's Name	Mother's Name
2004000011	DODGE, RYAN CHRISTIAN	01/02/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DODGE, SEAN	DODGE, LAURA
2004000152	MORGAN, LACEY ANNE	01/04/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MORGAN, RICHARD	MORGAN, ELIZABETH
2004000065	HENRICHON, PARKER VAN STONE	01/06/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HENRICHON, GREGORY	HENRICHON, ASHLEY
2004000068	GOLDMAN, NOAH PHILIP	01/06/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GOLDMAN, SAMUEL	GOLDMAN, MIRIAM
2004000069	GOLDMAN, AVI JACOB	01/06/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GOLDMAN, SAMUEL	GOLDMAN, MIRIAM
2004000184	HERZ, CAITLIN DRISCOLL	01/07/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HERZ, PETER	HERZ, JEANNE
2004000389	AMES, HARRISON MCKINNON	01/07/2004	NASHUA, NH	AMES, CHRISTOPHER	AMES, DARCY
2004000155	SUSSMAN, NOAH JOHN	01/08/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SUSSMAN, SCOTT	SUSSMAN, KATHERINE
2004000186	SUOZZO, SYDNEY JANE	01/09/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SUOZZO, RALPH	SUOZZO, JANA
2004000217	SCOTT, LILLIAN JADE	01/09/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SCOTT, RANDALL	CHESTER, CASSANDRA
2004000333	COUTU, MATTHEW BRIAN	01/10/2004	BOSTON, MA	COUTU, NORMAN	COUTU, CINDY
2004000412	LEE, SYDNEY EVA	01/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	LEE, QUINTIN	LEE, SABRINA
2004000505	MCDONOUGH, MALCOLM PETER	01/17/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MCDONOUGH, PETER	MCDONOUGH, DEBRA
2004000630	ARCHER, SHANE FRANK	01/18/2004	NASHUA, NH	ARCHER, TONY	ARCHER, SHEEA
2004000667	BURKINSHAW, BROCK EVAN	01/23/2004	NASHUA, NH	BURKINSHAW, GARY	BURKINSHAW, MITZI
2004000646	DUNN, JESSICA ELIZABETH	01/26/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DUNN, WILLIAM	DUNN, DAWN
2004000608	MCGOVERN, ISABELLA ROSE	01/27/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MCGOVERN, ROBERT	MCGOVERN, ELIZABETH
2004000911	QUAST, AUTUMN ELYSSE	01/29/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	QUAST, JASON	QUAST, LAURA
2004001060	RUBENSTEIN, KATE ROSE	01/29/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	RUBENSTEIN, SCOTT	SAVILLA-RUBENSTEIN, KRISTIN
2004000944	OSTYN, JANE CATHERINE	01/31/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	OSTYN, GEORGE	OSTYN, JENNIFER
2004001200	ANDRISKI, RILEY HOCTOR	02/04/2004	PORTSMOUTH, NH	ANDRISKI, CHRISTOPHER	ANDRISKI, CASEY
2004000137	MORRALL, ELLA STANSBURY	02/05/2004	WINCHESTER, MA	MORRALL, JAMES	MORRALL, JESSICA
2004000174	GIORDANO, NICHOLAS JOSEPH	02/07/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GIORDANO, JOSEPH	GIORDANO, STACY
2004001602	CURRAN, AVERY MICHELE	02/11/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	CURRAN, KEITH	CURRAN, PATRICIA
2004001442	HARDING, KIEFER WESTOVER	02/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HARDING, KENNETH	HARDING, SHERRY
2004000166	QUARRY, CHANCE STEVEN	02/12/2004	BOSTON, MA	QUARRY, JAMES	QUARRY, CRYSTAL
2004001530	ALMOND, JAMIE ELIZABETH	02/14/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ALMOND, DAVID	ALMOND, SARAH
2004000127	HORANGIC, JOHN WALTER	02/15/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HORANGIC, NICHOLAS	VARASTEN, NICOLE
2004001623	ROY, KYLIE AIME	02/16/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ROY, KENNETH	ROY, RANDI
2004000173	AULSON, SHEA MCKENNA	02/17/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	AULSON, GREGORY	AULSON, AMY
2004000178	DU PLESSIS, COLE INGE	02/17/2004	METHUEN, MA	PATNAK, PARAG	DU PLESSIS, CARMEN
2004001785	PATNAK, RHEA	02/17/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	PATNAK, PARAG	PATNAK, ANAGHA
2004001790	MURRAY, RYAN ALEXANDER	02/19/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MURRAY, KEITH	MURRAY, TRACI
2004001997	ELLIS, ASHTON CHRISTOPHER	02/23/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ELLIS, WAYNE	HOLT, LORRAINE
2004002009	HEALEY, CAMERON DAVID	02/25/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HEALEY, MATTHEW	HEALEY, TRACY
2004020021	LEYDEN, MEGAN ELIZABETH	02/25/2004	BOSTON, MA	LEYDEN, MARK	LEYDEN, MICHELE
2004000204	MERRILL, RYLAN ALEXANDER HARLEY	02/26/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MERRILL, WARREN	POWERS, JENNIFER

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2004002235	FORBUSH, CHARA LEE	02/26/2004	NASHUA, NH	FORBUSH, AARON	DALY, DIANE-MARIE
2004002210	LEMAY, ROBERT LOUIS	02/26/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	LEMAY, PHILIP	LEMAI, DAWN
2004002220	SHARMA, ISHAAN	02/26/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SHARMA, RUPENDRA	SHARMA, SANGEETA
2004002509	MUSGRAVE, JACOB THOMAS	02/29/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MUSGRAVE, THOMAS	MUSGRAVE, MADELEINE
2004002222	SACKS, JONAH NATHAN	03/01/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SACKS, DAVID	SACKS, VERA
2004002265	BOONE, DAVID FRASER	03/02/2004	CONCORD, NH	BOONE, ELWOOD	BOONE, DOROTHY
2004002301	MCGINTY, ISABELLE KATHLYN	03/03/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MCGINTY, BRIAN	MCGINTY, PRISCILLA
2004002303	FOYE, MEGAN ELIZABETH	03/03/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	FOYE, PETER	FOYE, LISA
2004002289	GIROUX, JULIA MARIE	03/04/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GIROUX, DONALD	GIROUX, ELISA
2004002336	IANNONE, ISABELLE IRENE	03/04/2004	BOSTON, MA	IANNONE, NICHOLAS	IANNONE, DENISE
2004002308	BARRY, RILEY MICHELLE	03/04/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BARRY, GARRETT	BARRY, LYNNE
2004002561	DESMOND, MATTHEW ROBERT	03/05/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DESMOND, MICHAEL	DESMOND, KATHLEEN
2004002551	WALLAT, RYAN JOHN-GORDON	03/10/2004	NASHUA, NH	WALLAT, JEFFREY	WALLAT, CARRIE
2004002633	MIKOL, JOSEPH BRIAN	03/15/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MIKOL, BRIAN	MIKOL, ANNE
2004002698	KENNEY, TREVOR CHRISTOPHER	03/15/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	KENNEY, CHRISTOPHER	KENNEY, JODI
2004002846	SHINNEMAN, ZACHARY DALE	03/17/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SHINNEMAN, JASON	SHINNEMAN, TRICIA
2004002883	JELLEY, GRACY EMMA	03/15/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	JELLEY, DARRYL	JELLEY, CHRISTINE
2004003042	KEYS, OLIVIA GRACE	03/24/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	KEYS, ANTHONY	KEYS, KATHLEEN
2004003123	JOHNSON, ANDREW CHARLES	03/25/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	JOHNSON, TIMOTHY	JOHNSON, SUZANNE
2004003170	BATTISTELLI, BROOKE ANN	03/27/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BATTISTELLI, DANIEL	BATTISTELLI, CHERYL
2004003167	SPIRES, HANNAH BRYNN	03/28/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SPIRES, RICHARD	SPIRES, REBECCA
2004003329	FONTAINE, NICHOLAS CHASE	04/05/2004	NASHUA, NH	FONTAINE, ALAN	FONTAINE, LAURIE
2004003526	GRIMM, NOAH JAMES	04/05/2004	NASHUA, NH	GRIMM, JAMES	GRIMM, DARLENE
2004003788	CRAIG, ANASTASIA ROSE	04/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	CRAIG, JEFFREY	CRAIG, JENNIFER
2004003993	ROETHLER, TRISTAN JAMES	04/13/2004	NASHUA, NH	ROETHLER, ROGER	ROETHLER, COURTNEY
2004003990	REUSCH, DESMOND JAMES	04/14/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	REUSCH, MICHAEL	REUSCH, LINDA
2004004055	SHEN, DEREK JUN-YAN	04/16/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SHEN, JUAN	ZHUANG, JOEY
2004004078	CHOPRA, GRACE "KAMAL KAUR"	04/16/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	CHOPRA, MANDEEP	CHOPRA, CANDACE
2004004179	BADGER, CAMERON DEAN	04/19/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	CHOPRA, MANDEEP	CHOPRA, CANDACE
2004004225	DARKS, DAMARA ANN	04/20/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BADGER, BENJAMIN	BADGER, SHANNON
2004004208	DICKSON, ANDREW MICHAEL	04/20/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DICKSON, MICHAEL	DARKS, SHIRLEY
2004004228	MCCEE, COLLEEN ELAINE	04/20/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MCCEE, STEVEN	DICKSON, JENNIFER
2004004232	MCCEE, ANDREW FREDERICK	04/20/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MCCEE, STEVEN	MCCEE, MARIE
2004004230	CHANG, MADELINE LESLIE BEA	04/23/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	CHANG, WELLEN	HOUSMAN, LAURIE
2004004265	FINOCCHIARO, SALVATORE PETER	04/24/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	FINOCCHIARO, PHILIP	FINOCCHIARO, CAROLYN
2004004424	THIBODEAU, LUC BRUNO	04/25/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	THIBODEAU, JEFFREY	THIBODEAU, ANDREA

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2004004621	BRESNAHAN, OWEN ROBERT	04/30/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BRESNAHAN, BRIAN	BRESNAHAN, MICHELLE
2004005222	RICHARD, NICHOLAS LEWIS	05/03/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	RICHARD, PATRICK	RICHARD, LISA
2004004832	HOULE, LACEY MAE	05/04/2004	LACONIA, NH	HOULE, BRETT	HOULE, JESSICA
2004004849	FLEMING, KATHERINE EILEEN	05/05/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	FLEMING, ROBERT	BACHMAN, KATHERINE
2004004819	GUIMOND, COOPER EARLE	05/05/2004	CONCORD, NH	GUIMOND, DANIEL	GUIMOND, DIANE
2004005065	AREND, CATHERINE GRACE	05/07/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	AREND, DAVID	AREND, CAROLINE
2004005089	FRANK, ELLIOTT MARLIN	05/07/2004	NASHUA, NH	FRANK, BARRY	FRANK, MANDY
2004005031	MUIR, KADEN STEWART	05/05/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MUIR, BRYAN	STEWART, MUIR, SAMANTHA
2004005035	GANGWIR, JADEN ANDREW	05/09/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GANGWIR, SAMUEL	GANGWIR, LAURA
2004005031	BURSEY, BETH ANN	05/11/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BURSEY, GLENN	BURSEY, BETH
2004005210	DESALUINER, NICOLAS ARTHUR	05/14/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DESALUINER, CHRISTOPHER	DESALUINER, JENNIFER
2004005213	SENATORE, SCOTT RICHARD	05/15/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SENATORE, RICHARD	SENATORE, VALERIE
2004005447	CARROLL, ADAM RAYMOND	05/17/2004	NASHUA, NH	CARROLL, JAMES	CARROLL, KIMBERLY
2004005550	SIDHU, KIRAN	05/18/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SINGH, KANWALJIT	SINGH, PARVINDER
2004006765	BARKER, WILL THOMAS	05/19/2004	BEDFORD, NH	BARKER, THOMAS	BARKER, MICHELE
2004005555	NEAL, KATELYN MARIE	05/19/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	NEAL, MICHAEL	NEAL, LEAH
2004005567	GOTERCH, DELANEY MANNING	05/20/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GOTERCH, JAMES	GOTERCH, JUSTINE
2004005599	DION, BRODY CHRISTOPHER	05/24/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DION, ALAN	DION, KIMBERLY
2004005578	CUSSON, ERIN MAUREEN	05/26/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	CUSSON, ERIC	CUSSON, GABRIELLE
2004006885	MANDEVILLE, CALVIN JAMES	05/26/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MANDEVILLE, CRAIG	MANDEVILLE, MARTHA
2004005889	MANDEVILLE, CAMERON CRAIG	05/26/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MANDEVILLE, CRAIG	MANDEVILLE, MARTHA
2004005897	MONBRAY, OWEN PATRICK JOSEPH	05/27/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MONBRAY, ANTHONY	MONBRAY, KATHLEEN
2004005738	ZNOJ, JOSEPH CHRISTIAN	05/27/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ZNOJ, CHRISTOPHER	ZNOJ, MAUREEN
2004005770	RISO, MADISON RENEE	05/29/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	RISO, JOHN	RISO, LISA
2004006064	TONNESSEN, ERIK ANDRE	06/02/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	TONNESSEN, DREW	TONNESSEN, LINDA
2004006183	MULHOLLAND, ALYSSA ELLEN	06/04/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MULHOLLAND, KEITH	MULHOLLAND, HEATHER
2004006175	VAZQUEZ, MONICA ISABEL	06/05/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	VAZQUEZ, JOSE	VAZQUEZ, JULIE
2004006181	CLOUGH, SEAN EDWARD	06/07/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	CLOUGH, STEPHEN	CLOUGH, LYNN
2004005379	REY, YELLA JOYCE	06/10/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	REY, RAYMOND	REY, ANNA
2004006280	WOODGATE, MACK WILLIAM	06/10/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	WOODGATE, GREGORY	WOODGATE, AMANDA
2004006562	THOMPSON, WYATT FRANK	06/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	THOMPSON, WYATT	THOMPSON, ELIZABETH
2004006401	MARCOUX, MYA FAITH	06/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MARCOUX, ROBERT	MARCOUX, ROBERTA
2004006879	SHOTTES, JOHN PATRICK	06/14/2004	NASHUA, NH	SHOTTES, GARY	SHOTTES, PATRICIA
2004006563	RESNICK, OLIVIA LEAH	06/14/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	RESNICK, MARK	RESNICK, JULIE
2004006542	RESNICK, LAUREN PAIGE	06/17/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	RESNICK, MARK	RESNICK, JULIE
2004006555	FRONGILLO, OLIVIA LIN	06/17/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	FRONGILLO, WILLIAM	FRONGILLO, SUZANNE
2004006547	COYNE, GRIFFIN WESLEY	06/17/2004	NASHUA, NH	COYNE, CRAIG	COYNE, HEATHER

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2004006915	STEFFENS,ALEXANDRA DELANEY	06/18/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	STEFFENS,LEO	STEFFENS,ERIN
2004006954	BARTO,CONOR QUINN	06/22/2004	NASHUA,NH	BARTO,RICHARD	BARTO,KERRY
2004006938	WILENSKY,JOELLE SAMANTHA	06/22/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	WILENSKY,MARK	WILENSKY,LAUREN
2004007010	SOUTHER,JACKSON GREICH	06/25/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	SOUTHER,JUSTIN	SOUTHER,HEATHER
2004007113	SMALL,DAMIAN MICHAEL	06/26/2004	NASHUA,NH	SMALL,JEFFREY	JONES,NICOLE
2004007170	HAMILTON,JADEN TYLER	06/30/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	HAMILTON,LAWRENCE	MUFFALETTO,KRISTINE
2004007205	JOHNSON,SAMANTHA JOAN	07/01/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	JOHNSON,ERIK	JOHNSON,DONNA
2004007206	FORRESTER,ABIGAIL DOYLE	07/01/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	FORRESTER,SCOTT	FORRESTER,ANN-MARIE
2004007620	VANCE,IAN ROGER	07/02/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	VANCE,SHELBY	VANCE,LISA
2004007219	PURNELL,NICHOLAS JOSEPH	07/03/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	PURNELL DENNIS	PURNELL,MARY ELIZABETH
2004007342	COTTEAU,JULIA LAUREN	07/05/2004	NASHUA,NH	COTTEAU,KEVIN	COTTEAU,VICTORIA
2004007462	MCCARTHY,ERIN MARIE	07/07/2004	BEDFORD,NH	MCCARTHY,GARY	MCCARTHY,ANNETTE
2004007459	KANCHERLAPALLI,AMIT	07/07/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	KANCHERLAPALLI,CHANDRA	KANCHERLAPALLI,VEENKATA
2004009285	RODRIGUEZ,NOAH ASHTON	07/05/2004	NEW IPSWICH,NH	WILDING,KEITH	RODRIGUEZ,CHRISTIANE
2004007805	WILDING,CAMERON PIERCE	07/11/2004	NASHUA,NH	HAGSTROM DOUGLAS	WILDING,HEATHER
2004007896	HAGSTROM,AMANDA JOY	07/13/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	CHAPMAN DOUGLAS	HAGSTROM,KAREN
2004007728	CHAPMAN,LILLIAN RENEE	07/14/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	BOBOTAS,STEPHEN	CHAPMAN,DEANNE
2004007756	BOBOTAS,ASHLEY NICOLE	07/16/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	SEALEY,MICHAEL	BOBOTAS,LAURIE
2004007894	SEALEY,TAMRYN LORRAINE	07/16/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	TAAL,BABOUCAR	SEALEY,AMY
2004009225	TAAL,ALIEU B	07/19/2004	NASHUA,NH	EDWARDS,BRIAN	TAAL,GUYLAINE
2004009520	EDWARDS,ISABELLA SAGE	07/21/2004	BEDFORD,NH	RICHARDSON,MARK	MULLETT,LENORE
2004009035	RICHARDSON,EMILY GRACE	07/22/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	GUIBORD,ALAN	RICHARDSON,WENDY
2004008060	GUIBORD,CONNOR ALAN	07/22/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	LEMA,Y CHRISTOPHER	GUIBORD,REBECCA
2004008103	LEMA,Y CAITLYN LOUISE	07/23/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	JONES,FREDERICK	LEMA,Y CARYN
2004008304	JONES, TYLER JOSEPH	07/28/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	MOONEY,JAMES	JONES,MICHELLE
2004009621	MOONEY,LILLY JANIE	08/01/2004	NASHUA,NH	CHRISTOPHER,DAVID	MOONEY,JANNETTE
2004008553	CHRISTOPHER,LAUREN MADISON	08/03/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	CHRISTOPHER,DAVID	CHRISTOPHER,KERRIAN
2004008560	CHRISTOPHER,OWEN DAVID	08/03/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	GIAMPA,JEFFREY	CHRISTOPHER,KERRIAN
2004008454	GIAMPA,ISABELLA ANN	08/04/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	ROTHENBERG,CRAIG	GIAMPA,LISA
2004008549	ROTHENBERG,BENJAMIN FREDERICK	08/05/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	MORAN,EDWARD	ROTHENBERG,MARYELLEN
2004008556	MORAN,CAITLYN NICOLE	08/09/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	VILELA,STEPHEN	MORAN,LISA
2004008613	VILELA,DYLAN ALBERT	08/09/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	PARENT,CHRISTOPHER	VILELA,PATRICIA
2004009136	PARENT,SADIE JANIE	08/10/2004	NASHUA,NH	PAUGH,CLAUDE	VILELA,PATRICIA
2004008792	PAUGH,ADAM CLAUDE	08/13/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	PAUGH,GEORGE	PARENT,SARAH
2004009722	GEORGE,AJAY PAUL	08/15/2004	NASHUA,NH	PAUL,GEORGE	PAUGH,SHARON
2004009723	GEORGE,AJITH KURUVILLA	08/15/2004	NASHUA,NH	PAUL,GEORGE	KOKKAT,SHANTY
2004009068	TOMBS,SHAYLIN ELIZABETH	08/18/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	TOMBS,RICHARD	KOKKAT,SHANTY
					TOMBS,SANDRA

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2004003034	KRUEGER,SOPHIE MARGARET	06/19/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	KRUEGER,THOMAS	KRUEGER,MICHELLE
2004003028	VILLENEUVE,ABIGAIL EVANS	06/20/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	VILLENEUVE,TIMOTHY	VILLENEUVE,MARGARET
2004003152	HOVATTER,AUSTIN JAMES REESE	06/20/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	HOVATTER,JUSTIN	HOVATTER,SARA
2004010436	NEAL,REBECCA LANA	06/22/2004	NASHUA,NH	NEAL,KENNETH	NEAL,AMY
20040009138	FINKE,MADELINE RAE	06/22/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	FINKE,TIMOTHY	FINKE,CARRIE
2004005253	MAKKAR,MARIANA ALEXIS	06/25/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	MAKKAR,HOSSAM	ONDA,MARINA
2004008413	CRESPO,JULIO JOSE	06/29/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	CRESPO,JULIO	DEJES,CAROLINA
2004005595	VILLENEUVE,JOSHUA GARRETT	09/01/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	VILLENEUVE,RICHARD	VILLENEUVE,DALYNE
2004008692	CLOUGH,CONNER MATTHEW	09/04/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	VILLENEUVE,RICHARD	CLOUGH,THERESA
2004009732	ANDERSON,GARRET RICHARD	09/06/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	ANDERSON,THEODORE	ANDERSON,LISA
2004009897	EL CHALFOUN,MIRABELLE	09/07/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	EL CHALFOUN,ELIE	EL CHALFOUN,COSETTE
2004009904	TWITE,CAROLINE RHAE	09/09/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	TWITE,JOHN	TWITE,ALLISON
2004009920	COLON,JOSE MANUEL	09/11/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	RODRIGUEZ,JOSE	GINGRAS,HEIDI
2004010857	HODGKINS,RACHEL MARIE	09/11/2004	NASHUA,NH	HODGKINS,DEREK	HODGKINS,KELLY
2004009954	COTE,MADISON ALICE	09/13/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	COTE,MICHAEL	COTE,CHRISTINE
2004010132	QUELLETTE,ALISON MARGARET	09/17/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	QUELLETTE,JONATHAN	QUELLETTE,LORIANN
2004010237	THOMPSON,JOSHUA PAUL	09/17/2004	DERRY,NH	THOMPSON,MATTHEW	THOMPSON,MICHELLE
2004010484	DICOMES,EMMA CATHERINE	09/25/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	DICOMES,MICHAEL	DICOMES,MOLLY
2004013773	JONES,SARAH MARIE	09/25/2004	BEDFORD,NH	JONES,BENJAMIN	JONES,SUSAN
2004010463	O'CONNELL,AIDEN MICHAEL	09/27/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	O'CONNELL,JEFFREY	O'CONNELL,ROBIN
2004010537	CROWTHER,CLAIRE LOUISE	09/29/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	CROWTHER,EDWARD	CROWTHER,CATHERINE
2004010620	KIM,MADISON JIHAE	10/01/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	KIM,JOONHAHN	KIM,JENNIFER
2004011066	RILEY,NOAH CHRISTOPHER	10/07/2004	DERRY,NH	RILEY,CHRISTOPHER	RILEY,LESLIE
2004010841	DUTTON,LILLIAN CLAIRE	10/09/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	DUTTON,RALPH	BARNES,AMY
2004010925	WYATT,JAMES DANIEL	10/09/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	WYATT,JASON	WYATT,JILL
2004011680	MCKENNEY,NATHAN CHARLES	10/11/2004	NASHUA,NH	MCKENNEY,CHARLES	MCKENNEY,MICHELE
2004011151	RACO,JAGER FRANK	10/12/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	RACO,ROBERT	MEISEL-RACO,CAROLE
2004011042	THOMAS,LAUREN ELIZABETH	10/12/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	THOMAS,CHARLES	THOMAS,PAVELA
2004011046	AVAMPATO,SAMANTHA MARIE	10/12/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	AVAMPATO,THOMAS	AVAMPATO,TERESA
2004011430	KUEBER,ZACHARY ANDREW	10/14/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	KUEBER,SCOTT	KUEBER,CHRISTINA
2004011180	NELSON,NATHAN CHRISTOPHER	10/15/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	NELSON,CHRISTOPHER	NELSON,SARAH
2004011178	SNOW,COLBY MATTHEW	10/15/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	SNOW,JONATHAN	SNOW,KELLY
2004011254	EXNER,CASSIDY GRACE	10/16/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	EXNER,JOSEPH	EXNER,JILL
2004011331	BATTAGLIO,AVERY CHARYDEN	10/21/2004	CONCORD,NH	BATTAGLIO,CHRISTOPHER	BATTAGLIO,KINDRA
2004011481	POWERS,CHARLES ROBERT	10/21/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	POWERS,WILLIAM	POWERS,JILL
2004011486	BEAN,SAMANTHA KALLI	10/22/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	BEAN,JOSEPH	BEAN,KERRI
2004011750	MANINI,REMY KATE	10/26/2004	MANCHESTER,NH	MANINI,MICHAEL	MANINI,NICOLE

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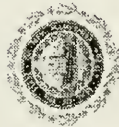
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2004011763	TENNANT, AMELIA MARIE	10/28/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	TENNANT, PETER	TENNANT, LIZ
2004011986	WOLF, ROMAN ALEXANDER	11/02/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	WOLF, DAVID	WOLF, TERESA
2004012084	THORNTON, BRENDAN JOSEPH	11/03/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	THORNTON, JOSEPH	THORNTON, LINDA
2004012176	PAPA, NICHOLAS SEVAN	11/09/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	PAPA, KEITH	PAPA, LISA
2004012257	RILEY, COEN GAGE	11/10/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	RILEY, HEATH	RILEY, STACI
2004012679	MANONE, HAILEY MARIE	11/10/2004	NASHUA, NH	MANONE, MICHAEL	MANLEY, BARBARA
2004012523	ARNOLD, NOLAN PAUL	11/19/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ARNOLD, PAUL	ARNOLD, COLETTE
2004012650	CHANDER, SHRIRAM	11/20/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	KATARAJAN, LOGACHANDER	BALASUBRAMANIAN, AJIRAMI
2004012641	MUIR, JOHN MADDOX	11/21/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MUIR, JOHN	MUIR, AMEE
2004012664	BUFFETT, SYDNEY KATE	11/23/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BUFFETT, SCOTT	MEINZ, HEDI
2004012690	LAVE, SAMANTHA ANN	11/24/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	LAKE, JASON	LAKE, MOLLE
2004012696	PEDERSON, COLBY CHRISTOPHER	11/24/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	PEDERSON, CHRISTOPHER	PEDERSON, LAUREN
2004012709	WETHERBEE, ADAM SPENCER	11/24/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	WETHERBEE, DARREN	COLEMAN, MICHELLE
2004012736	PETRENKO, SARAH NELLIA	11/25/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	PETRENKO, DANIEL	PETRENKO, LILIA
2004012738	MANCINI, VITO LAURENT	11/28/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MANCINI, VITO	MANCINI, KATHLEEN
2004012739	MADEAU, EMMY MACKINNON	11/28/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MADEAU, EDWARD	MADEAU, MELANIE
2004012834	STAGNONE, JOSEPH TAYLOR	11/30/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	STAGNONE, CHRISTOPHER	STAGNONE, RENEE
2004013022	BENNETT, ELIOT KEITH	12/04/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BENNETT, KEITH	BENNETT, KIMBERLY
2004013067	PEMBERTON, MATTHEW STEVEN	12/06/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	PEMBERTON, STEVEN	PEMBERTON, PATRICIA
2004013092	WOOD, CAMDEN JASON	12/06/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	WOOD, JASON	WOOD, JENNA
2004013147	GARVIN, MACK NIKAYA SKYE	12/06/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MACK, AARON	SANCHEZ, KARI
2004013153	FITZGERALD, VIRGINIA ANNE	12/06/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	FITZGERALD, JAMES	FITZGERALD, BETH
2004013068	WAFER, ALEXANDER JAMES	12/07/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	WAFER, MATHEW	WAFER, PAMELA
2004013265	PHILLIPS, BELLA LOUISE FELCE	12/08/2004	CONCORD, NH	PHILLIPS, DAVID	PHILLIPS, CHRISTINE
2004013167	STABILE, KATHERINE CHASE	12/08/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	STABILE, HARRY	STABILE, ALLISON
2004013183	TWOMEY, DYLAN PATRICK	12/10/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	TWOMEY, PATRICK	TWOMEY, MELISSA
2004013230	HARDING, NATHANIEL JAMES	12/10/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HARDING, JOHN	HARDING, GRETCHEN
2004013223	APONTE, LACEY MARIE	12/10/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	APONTE, JASON	MOUNSEY, HEATHER
2004013306	HARRINGTON, JAMES PATRICK	12/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HARRINGTON, DANIEL	HARRINGTON, LORI
2004013418	CUSANO, JUSTIN JON	12/14/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	CUSANO, JUSTIN	CUSANO, ALISON
2004013420	SAGER, SAMUEL PHILIP	12/15/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SAGER, SEAN	SAGER, LISA
2004013587	SULLIVAN, RYAN MICHAEL	12/20/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SULLIVAN, MICHAEL	SULLIVAN, JILL
2004013746	RIVERA, ISABELLA GIULIANA	12/25/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	RIVERA, IGNACIO	RIVERA, LISA
2004013864	MILNES, ANDREW CHASE	12/27/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MILNES, PETER	MILNES, ROBIN
2004013902	GRIFFIN, ZACHARY MICHAEL	12/28/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GRIFFIN, CHRISTOPHER	GRIFFIN, CHRISTINE

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05/18/2004	BARKER, WILL THOMAS	BARKER, MICHELE SUZANNE	LEONARD	BEDFORD
07/21/2004	EDWARDS, ISABELLA SAGE	MULLETT, LENORE ELIZABETH	MULLETT	BEDFORD
12/04/2004	FAMOUS, MORGAN SAGE	ANDERSON, GWENDOLYN CHERYL	ANDERSON	BOSTON
08/01/2004	JODOIN, AIDEN NICHOLAS	JODOIN, ELISHA LEE	MURTO	MASON
09/28/2004	JONES, SARAH MARIE	JONES, SUSAN DENISE	QUEEN	BEDFORD
07/07/2004	MCCARTHY, ERIN MARIE	MCCARTHY, ANNETTE LEE	MERCHAND	BEDFORD
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2004000104	ERICKSON, JOSEPHINE	01/04/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	LAMONT, VINCENT	REINA, FRANCES
2004000144	FROSCHER, KATHERINE	01/05/2004	BEDFORD, NH	FROSCHER, JOHN	NILLISON, NORAH
2004000353	BOSTWICK, DORA	01/05/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MCGRAW, ALEXANDER	WOOD, FLORENCE
2004000285	STROMGREN, ALBERT	01/09/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	STROMGREN, GEORGE	POWERS, ANNIE
2004000350	LOPSTROM, DEBORAH	01/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ANTONELLI, HENRY	REGAN, LORRAINE
2004000670	DUTILE, LAURETTA	01/15/2004	BEDFORD, NH	COTE, JOSEPH	BEAUCHESNE, ELMIRE
2004000715	KELLEY, VERNON	01/19/2004	BEDFORD, NH	KELLEY, VERNON	RIORDAN, AGNES
2004000705	MUIR, IRENE	01/21/2004	BEDFORD, NH	DORS, CHARLES	LOMER, AGNES
2004000758	BISHOPRIC, BRIAN	01/23/2004	BEDFORD, NH	BISHOPRIC, ROBERT	GRIMES, RITA
2004000639	MORAN, JAMES	01/26/2004	MERRIMACK, NH	MORAN, JAMES	SHEEHAN, BERTHA
2004000678	HEALY, MARY	01/28/2004	BEDFORD, NH	SCULLY, JOHN	BURKE, MARY
2004001027	DENONCOURT, BERTHA	02/01/2004	BEDFORD, NH	GODDEUT, WILLIAM	MAILLET, ANNA
2004001060	ARMIROTTO, ALLEN	02/02/2004	MERRIMACK, NH	ARMIROTTO, LOUIS	HAMILTON, ELDA
2004001160	ROGOWSKI, MARIE	02/05/2004	BEDFORD, NH	GUNKEL, UNKNOWN	UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN
2004001464	PODSADOWSKI, FRED	02/10/2004	BEDFORD, NH	PODSADOWSKI, FRANCIS	SZUBERT, ANNA
2004001404	PETERS, PATRICIA	02/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HILL, DONALD	GRIFFIN, LYDIA
2004001484	GRAY, PHILIP	02/17/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GRAY, JOHN	RICHARDS, MILDRED
2004001478	MANALLY ALLEN, RUTH	02/18/2004	BEDFORD, NH	KIRWIN, JOHN	MILES, SADIE

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2004001648	ROUTHIER, MAURICE	02/18/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ROUTHIER, JOSEPH	LEGASSE, ANNIE
2004001562	RADUZINER, FRED	02/20/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SIEGEL, DAVID	GOODMAN, YUDIS
2004001623	MC MAHON, WILLY	02/21/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MC MAHON, DANIEL	RAYMOND, REBECCA
2004001718	BOURGEOIS, THERESA	02/22/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	RHEAULT, ALBERT	AUGER, FABIOLA
2004001614	BOUCHARD, VICTOIRE	02/23/2004	BEDFORD, NH	TESSIER, UBALD	KING, ANNA
2004001732	MCDARGH, RALPH	02/27/2004	BEDFORD, NH	MCDARGH, RALPH	FERRIS, HELEN
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2004001628	BERGERON, JOSEPH	03/01/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BERGERON, AIME	DESMARAIS, LUCIENNE
2004001960	SIROIS, BEVERLY	03/04/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	TREPANIER, JOSEPH	FRIZZEL, THERESA
2004001933	TOWNSEND, JEAN	03/05/2004	BEDFORD, NH	TOWNSEND, FRANK	CRANE, ELSIE
2004002063	READ, ALICE	03/07/2004	BEDFORD, NH	WILSON, JOHN	DUNBAR, GERTRUDE
2004002142	KING, DONNA	03/07/2004	CONCORD, NH	BODE, LAWRENCE	CROCKETT, DOROTHY
2004002069	LAFRAMBOISE, MAURICE	03/08/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	LAFRAMBOISE, EUCLID	LAMPORN, ROSE
2004002411	DETONE, EVELYN	03/19/2004	BEDFORD, NH	TRAMORTIN, PETER	DEGHETTO, DA
2004002468	ST GELAIS, RAYMOND	03/25/2004	BEDFORD, NH	ST GELAIS, LEOPOLD	CARRIER, DIANA
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2004002727	DAHL, MARY	03/31/2004	BEDFORD, NH	KEPPER, JOHN	BALK, ANNA
2004002891	DIONNE, DONALD	04/01/2004	BEDFORD, NH	DIONNE, ROLAND	BOISVERT, IRENE



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2004002895	SEITZ, JENNIE	04/08/2004	BEDFORD, NH	SZUTNIK, IGNACY	GRZESZCZYK, ALEXANDRA
2004003071	GOVEN, LILLIAN	04/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	KING, LOUIS	MARTINEAU, ANNIE
2004003217	COLLETTE, YVONNE	04/18/2004	BEDFORD, NH	HEBERT, ETIENNE	HUDON, OLDA
2004003299	CEDRAS, DORIS	04/20/2004	BEDFORD, NH	DUBOIS, ARTHUR	DALLAIRE, ALBERTINE
2004003341	SOULE, THERESA	04/20/2004	BEDFORD, NH	GRAVEL, JOSEPH	HAMEL, MARIA
2004003369	CONLEY, JOHN	04/24/2004	BEDFORD, NH	CONLEY, JAMES	MCDONALD, MARY
2004003377	MILNE, BERTHA	04/24/2004	BEDFORD, NH	DUNCAN, WILLIAM	DILL, ELIZABETH
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2004003388	ROSEN, AARON	04/24/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ROSEN, SIDNEY	FREESTROM, LAUREL
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2004003748	WARREN, LILLIAN	05/05/2004	BEDFORD, NH	CLANG, ANDREW	DIONNE, ANNABELLE
2004003676	HUDSON, BRIAN	05/06/2004	BEDFORD, NH	HUDSON, HARVEY	MCLEOD, JESSIE
2004003807	WITZLEB, OTTO	05/11/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	HEINRICH, HERMANN	AUGUSTE, MARIE
2004003953	SOUSANE, POTA	05/12/2004	BEDFORD, NH	SOUSANE, JAMES	ANDARIAS, STAVROULA
2004003917	NEUGEBAUER, ROBERT	05/18/2004	BEDFORD, NH	NEUGEBAUER, VICTOR	AUGER, ALINE



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2004004028	CREWS, MARJORIE	05/23/2004	BEDFORD, NH	LANK, SCHUYLER	HOLROYD, MABEL
2004004044	TARKO, SYLVIA	05/24/2004	BEDFORD, NH	WHARTON, BERNARD	BAKER, ROSE
2004004112	BROWN, LILLIAN	05/25/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	CONOVER, STEWART	EMMETT, LILLIAN
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2004004372	THOMAS, BERNADETTE	06/05/2004	BEDFORD, NH	LABRECQUE, LUDGER	LEMAY, ALMA
2004004661	VAILLANCOURT, HELEN	06/15/2004	BEDFORD, NH	LAVOIE, ALBERT	PERREAU, ANNETTE
2004004665	THIBOULT, BEATRICE	06/15/2004	BEDFORD, NH	BOWMAN, JOHN	RITENBURG, LILY
2004004628	NELSON, ALICE	06/19/2004	BEDFORD, NH	JOHNSON, OSCAR	UNKNOWN, JENNY
2004004635	DURAND, PIERRE	06/19/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DURAND, JEAN-BAPTISTE	DEUDONNE, CLAIRE
2004004850	BRODER, ARTHUR	06/22/2004	MERRIMACK, NH	BRODER, ACHILLE	DODGE, PEARL
2004004974	RILEY, EVELYN	06/25/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	PETERSON, CARL	LEAHY, HELEN
2004004945	LAHEY, KATHARINA	06/25/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	WITTMANN, GEORG	LIPPERT, KATRINA
2004004923	MERCER, WINIFRED	06/27/2004	BEDFORD, NH	TUTTLE, THOMAS	BISHOP, RUTH
2004004956	CONVERSE, HOWARD	06/28/2004	BEDFORD, NH	CONVERSE, WALTER	WENTWORTH, EFFIE
2004005005	STARK, LEWIS	06/28/2004	BEDFORD, NH	STARK, FRED	MORGRAGE, CARRIE
2004004983	WELTON, JANE	06/29/2004	BEDFORD, NH	MILLS, EMERY	LANGDON, GRACE
2004005031	FOOTE, GERALDINE	06/29/2004	MERRIMACK, NH	GELLERICH, HARRY	SCHMIDT, ESTHER

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2004006057	PIHL, MARY	06/30/2004	BEDFORD, NH	DONAHUE, EDWARD	DONAHUE, BARBARA
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2004006251	WALLER, ROBERT	07/07/2004	BEDFORD, NH	WALLER, JOHN	CLAYTOR, JULIA
2004006238	MULLINS, LAWRENCE	07/08/2004	MERRIMACK, NH	MULLINS, LAWRENCE	CORCORAN, ANN
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2004006533	JOYAL, SHIRLEY	07/17/2004	BEDFORD, NH	FERGUSON, SAMUEL	GORDON, JANE
2004006574	BRIAND, ROSAIRE	07/24/2004	BEDFORD, NH	BRIAND, ETIENNE	SAVOIE, LODOISKA
2004006756	MILLER, LINDA	07/27/2004	BEDFORD, NH	MILLER, LEON	FRENCH, PATRICIA
2004006863	HUGHES, JOHN	07/31/2004	BEDFORD, NH	HUGHES, JOHN	O'GASSIAN, ELLEN
2004006859	PARKER, ANDREW	08/05/2004	LEBANON, NH	PRIKKEL, ANDOR	KOLLER, AMELIA
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2004006188	MULROY, JAMES	08/12/2004	BEDFORD, NH	MULROY, PATRICK	LEONARD, SARAH
2004006219	DUHAIME, ALICE	08/16/2004	BEDFORD, NH	DION, ARCHILLE	FORBES, ALMA
2004006788	MAHER, PAT	08/18/2004	MERRIMACK, NH	THOMPSON, WILLIAM	MURPHY, MARGARET
2004006570	MULLEN, GLADYS	08/17/2004	BEDFORD, NH	MULLEN, PATRICK	MCALLISTER, ABBIE
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2004006557	POIRIER, GEORGE	08/26/2004	BEDFORD, NH	POIRIER, JOSEPH	RICHARD, OLIVE

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2004006626	HARVEY,BEULAH	08/04/2004	BEDFORD, NH	HARVEY, HARRY	SMILEY, LILLIAN
2004006912	MAKELA,SAMI	09/06/2004	BEDFORD, NH	PESONEN, KUSTI	MALANDER, SAINNA
2004006833	TRUDELL,GEORGE	09/05/2004	BEDFORD, NH	TRUDELL, WILBROD	PARIS, ELISE
2004006792	HIERONYMUS,GERHARD	09/08/2004	BEDFORD, NH	HIERONYMUS, WILHELM	UNKNOWN, MARGARET
2004006966	RILEY,FAYE	09/11/2004	MERRIMACK, NH	RICHARDS, EDWARD	HILL, BERTHA
2004007041	INGLIS,DOWN	09/14/2004	BEDFORD, NH	INGLIS, WILLIAM	REIDEL, LENA
2004007231	ROUNDTREE,CLARENCE	09/19/2004	BEDFORD, NH	ROUNDTREE, CLARENCE	DELANEY, MAXINE
2004007156	BRESTIN,FELICIA	09/20/2004	MERRIMACK, NH	SCHWELOCH, LOUIS	STOLOW, SADIE
2004007189	CARTER,HELEN	09/21/2004	BEDFORD, NH	ZUREK, FRANCIS	OPRZADEK, MARY
2004007215	SAISOUSSE,ARLENE	09/22/2004	BEDFORD, NH	DEROSIA, WILLIAM	TIBBETTS, MILDRED
2004007534	COLLAGAN,GLORIA	10/03/2004	BEDFORD, NH	HALL, HAROLD	REYNOLDS, CORA
2004007530	DURIGA,JEANNETTE	10/05/2004	BEDFORD, NH	SINCLAIR, EMOND	BELLEMARE, ESEIMER
2004007603	PROVOST,CLAIRE	10/07/2004	BEDFORD, NH	LEDoux, ZEPHYR	GUERTIN, FLORA
2004007633	GOLDMAN,ROBERT	10/07/2004	BEDFORD, NH	GOLDMAN, JACK	MILLMAN, GERTRUDE
2004007634	VASILIOU,HELEN	10/08/2004	BEDFORD, NH	KERANIS, NICHOLAS	ZARAKOTAS, ANGELINO
2004007675	GOLDBERG,ESTHER	10/08/2004	BEDFORD, NH	WOOL, ABRAHAM	UNKNOWN, NAOMI
2004007674	BULLOCK,WILLIAM	10/11/2004	BEDFORD, NH	BULLOCK, ARTHUR	BLOOM, ALINA
2004007969	BISSON,EDNA	10/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GAGNON, OLIVER	CLOONAN, BRIDGET

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2004007825	TAYLOR, LILLIAN	10/15/2004	BEDFORD, NH	KINGSBURY, CLIFFORD	WHITE, MARY
2004007867	HOBDEIN, MARY	10/15/2004	BEDFORD, NH	COOPER, FRANK	DITTMER, MARY
2004007812	GRIFFITH, EMILY	10/15/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DIXSON, PRESLEY	HUSTEAD, DAISY
2004007910	LAMBERT, LILLIAN	10/17/2004	BEDFORD, NH	ELLIS, WILLIAM	BRUNELLE, LILLIAN
2004008009	TATRO, ELIZABETH	10/22/2004	BEDFORD, NH	TITUS, KIRK	CHESLEY, HARRIET
2004008148	GRONWALL, HELEN	10/24/2004	NASHUA, NH	CORSA, RAYMOND	SCHAAEDT, KATHRYN
2004008241	LUCZKO, FLORINE	10/28/2004	BEDFORD, NH	BEAULIEU, JOSEPH	STJEAN, LEA
2004008370	DONOVAN, SCOTT	11/02/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DONOVAN, DONALD	LABRECOUE, CAROL
2004008522	LEMAY, MARCEL	11/05/2004	BEDFORD, NH	LEMAY, EDWARD	COURMIER, ROSANNA
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2004008538	VAN ICKE, MARGARET	11/08/2004	GOFFSTOWN, NH	GARMATHY, STEPHEN	WAGNER, THERESA
2004008532	BROWN, ROGER	11/09/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BROWN, ARTHUR	JOHNSON, MABEL
2004008641	SNYDER, ARTHUR	11/12/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	SNYDER, ARTHUR	SMITH, DOROTHY
2004008626	KRAMER, MARY	11/13/2004	BEDFORD, NH	KRAMER, ROBERT	PRINGLE, MARGARET
2004008706	TREIBMAN, PHILIP	11/16/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	TREIBMAN, VICTOR	SCHUSTERMAN, SYLVIA
2004008831	STEELE, RICHARD	11/19/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	STEELE, RALPH	GOODWIN, FRANCES
2004008918	HAYES, PRISCILLA	11/21/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	MESZLER, LEWIE	CRILL, MARION
2004008905	PAQUETTE, DORIS	11/23/2004	BEDFORD, NH	PAQUETTE, GEORGE	PRUNEAU, ALMA

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SFN	Decedent's Name	Date Of Death	Place Of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
2004009046	POIRIER, REGINA	11/24/2004	BEDFORD, NH	LETOURNEAU, ALFRED	DUBOIS, ANNA
2004009091	DAY, ROBERT	11/24/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	DAY, ROBERT	HELMUTH, DEBORAH
2004009873	PHILLIPS, SAMUEL	11/25/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	PHILLIPS, SAMUEL	SNYDER, ISABEL
2004009896	GARBRECHT, FRIEDA	11/26/2004	BEDFORD, NH	HORN, FRANZ	BUICK, MARIA
2004009033	BOUCHER, ARTHUR	11/27/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	BOUCHER, DAVID	DUBOIS, BLANCHE
2004009152	GREENWOOD, GRACE	11/29/2004	BEDFORD, NH	COLBURN, GEORGE	BUKER, ANNA
2004009209	GAGNON, ROGER	12/01/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	GAGNON, HORACE	BERNARD, CLAIRE
2004009242	CAHOW, HARRIETT	12/01/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	ANDERSON, R D	FORESTER, LUCILLE
2004009256	GAGNON, WILFRID	12/03/2004	BEDFORD, NH	GAGNON, EMMANUEL	COTE, BLANCHE
2004009302	PAPPAS, MARY	12/04/2004	BEDFORD, NH	KORKUNIS, ANTHONY	ZELLOS, FRANCES
2004009277	DUHAIME, RITA	12/05/2004	BEDFORD, NH	HEBERT, ETIENNE	HUDON, OLIDA
2004009391	LAZAR, GEORGIA	12/09/2004	BEDFORD, NH	LAZA, THOMAS	PERISTERE, AGATHA
2004009503	DRESSER, GEORGE	12/14/2004	NASHUA, NH	DRESSER, GEORGE	PEARSON, DORA
2004009501	MANIZOUKAS, EVDOKIA	12/15/2004	BEDFORD, NH	TOULOPOULOS, VASILIOS	ROUSSOPOULOS, PANAGIOTA
2004009538	MARUSEVICH, HELENE	12/15/2004	BEDFORD, NH	KOLODEY, MICHAEL	UNKNOWN, ANNA
2004009535	PARK, MARGARET	12/15/2004	LEBANON, NH	MCEVOY, FREDERICK	MCKINLEY, MARY
2004009622	LINDEY, CORY	12/19/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	LINDEY, RICHARD	DERBY, DORIS
2004009708	JACOBSON, JOHN	12/22/2004	BEDFORD, NH	JACOBSON, JOHN	GUNDERMAN, LEA

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RESIDENT DEATH REPORT
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SFN	Decedent's Name	Date Of Death	Place Of Death	Father's Name	Mother's Maiden Name
2004009717	THOMPSON,RUTH	12/22/2004	BEDFORD, NH	BRIGHT, HERMAN	HANSON, LUCILLE
2004009818	KOCH,EVELYN	12/24/2004	BEDFORD, NH	DANEAULT, HENRY	JUTRAS, ELISE
2004009869	GAGNON,ELAINE	12/28/2004	BEDFORD, NH	MURPHY, GEORGE	GUIMOND, CONSTANCE
2004009910	YODER,ELEANOR	12/29/2004	BEDFORD, NH	HENIGAN, CHARLES	RICHARDSON, ETHEL
2004009874	BENHAM,JOYCE	12/29/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	TARBELL, ROBERT	SMITH, GRACE
2004009967	TESTARMATA,JOSEPH	12/29/2004	MANCHESTER, NH	TESTARMATA, CARLO	PETTINARI, IGINIA

Total number of records 150



TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Ryk Bullock, Scott Earnshaw, Ken Grasset

As the Trustees of the Trust Funds, we offer these brief comments on the reports that follow.

The Trustees are responsible for two types of funds: (1) Capital Reserve Funds, which have been established by the Town of Bedford or the Bedford School District in anticipation of specific uses, and (2) Trust Funds, which have been set up to support on-going projects, such as the Bedford library or the Bedford cemetery.

The first report, "Trust and Capital Reserve Fund Totals for Year Ending December 31, 2004," lists all Capital Reserve Funds and the amounts in each account at the end of the year, as well as for all the Trust Funds combined.

The second report, "Annual Report of Revenues Collected, Expenses Paid and Uncollected Revenues for the Period Ending December 31, 2004," refers only to the Trust Funds.

The third report combines two reports to the State of New Hampshire, "Report of Trust and Capital Reserve Funds" (MS-9) and "Report of Common Trust Fund Investments" (MS-10). The first section of MS-9 lists all of the individual Trust Funds, along with such information as their date of creation and purpose.

<i>Building Addition</i>	23,695.21
<i>School Land Fund</i>	498,307.56
<i>Sewer Enterprise</i>	321,321.65
<i>Solid Waste Backhoe</i>	75,140.98
<i>Parks Equipment Reserve</i>	12,875.03
<i>Loader Replacement</i>	10,234.82
<i>Snow Blower Replacement</i>	17,390.53
<i>Radio Reserves</i>	10,231.66
<i>Six Wheel Dump Trucks</i>	17,763.95
<i>All Purpose Tractor</i>	1,270.54
<i>School Building Fund</i>	167,948.73
<i>Accounting Software Repl.</i>	20,924.53
<i>Pick Up Truck Reserve</i>	10,234.35
<i>Playground Reserve</i>	10,672.39
<i>Fire Engine Replacement</i>	25,266.96
<i>Fire Equipment Reserve</i>	25,266.96
<i>Roadside Mower</i>	35,373.74
<i>Master Plan</i>	20,213.57
<i>Traffic Signal Improvements</i>	5,053.39

Total Capital Reserves 2,229,422.99

<i>Total Principal</i>	1,980,169.47
<i>Total Revenues</i>	249,253.52
<i>Total Principal & Revenue</i>	2,229,422.99

Total Trust Funds

<i>Total Principal</i>	39,455.00
<i>Total Revenues</i>	1,527.15
<i>Total Principal & Revenues</i>	40,982.15

Grand Total

<i>Capital Reserve Funds</i>	2,229,422.99
<i>Trust Funds</i>	40,982.15
<i>Grand Total</i>	2,270,405.14

Trust and Capital Reserve Fund Totals for Year Ending December 31, 2004

Capital Reserve Funds (principal and revenue)

<i>Route 3</i>	8,743.71
<i>Transfer Station Equipment</i>	72,057.25
<i>Public Works Equipment</i>	13,936.83
<i>School Maintenance</i>	41,154.00
<i>Conservation. Commission</i>	314,939.33
<i>Town Office Restoration</i>	18,062.66
<i>Safety Complex GB</i>	15,716.09
<i>School Tuition</i>	125,774.81
<i>Ambulance Replacement</i>	84,610.20
<i>Sidewalk Reserve</i>	11,317.36
<i>Comp. Replacement</i>	32,415.42
<i>Land Reserve</i>	126,045.81
<i>Backhoe Replacement</i>	55,462.97



ANNUAL REPORT OF REVENUES COLLECTED,
EXPENSES PAID AND UNCOLLECTED REVENUES
For the Period Ending December 31, 2004

Balance of Unexpended Trust Fund Revenues – January 1, 2004

Checking Accounts:	
Trustee Checking	124.00
Total Checking	124.00

Cumulative Account Revenue Balances – January 1, 2004

Library Funds	569.79
Church Funds	888.78
Speaking Funds	401.13
Cemetery Funds	1,864.18
Subtotal	3,723.88

Revenues Collected in 2004

Interest – Speaking Funds	71.47
Interest – Library Funds	206.78
Interest – Church Funds	321.64
Interest – Cemetery Funds	676.13
Subtotal	1,276.02

Total Cash and Revenues	\$5,123.90
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Less: Expenses Paid	
Town of Bedford	1,669.59
McKelvie School Speaking Contest	150.00
Bedford Center Old Cemetery Association	194.59
Bedford Library	569.79
Bedford Presbyterian Church	888.78
Tanglewood Gardens	0.00
Account Fees	0.00
Subtotal Expenses	3,472.75

Total Cash and Revenues Less Expenses	\$1,651.15
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Balance of Unexpended Trust Fund Revenues Available – December 31, 2004

Checking Accounts:	
Trustee Checking	26.08
Total Checking	26.08

Cumulative Account Revenue Balances

Prize Speaking Fund Revenue	322.60
Library Fund Revenue	206.78
Church Fund Revenue	321.64
Cemetery Fund Revenue	676.13
Subtotal	1,527.15

Ending Balance	\$1,553.23
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REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BEDFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 2004

Form MS-9

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	% FUND	PRINCIPAL				INCOME					
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses)	Capital Gain Dividend	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	% Rate	Amount Earned	Amount Expended	Ending Balance
Jun. 05, 1908	1. Annie Townsend	Cemetery	OCEAN	11.11%	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.46	VAR.	1.61	-4.46	1.61
Mar. 16, 1912	2. Rufus Perkhurst	Cemetery	OCEAN	11.11%	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.46	VAR.	1.61	-4.46	1.61
May 23, 1921	3. Henry L. Peaslee	Cemetery	OCEAN	11.11%	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.46	VAR.	1.61	-4.46	1.61
May 5, 1925	4. Charles Gage	Cemetery	OCEAN	11.11%	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.46	VAR.	1.61	-4.46	1.61
Feb. 23, 1934	5. James N. Mitchell	Cemetery	OCEAN	11.11%	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.46	VAR.	1.61	-4.46	1.61
Jun. 21, 1934	6. Nelson Foster	Cemetery	OCEAN	11.11%	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.46	VAR.	1.61	-4.46	1.61
Jun. 16, 1936	7. Sarah L. Witherspoon	Cemetery	OCEAN	11.11%	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.46	VAR.	1.61	-4.46	1.61
Jun. 18, 1937	8. Ernestine Wild	Cemetery	OCEAN	11.11%	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.46	VAR.	1.61	-4.46	1.61
Jun. 18, 1937	9. Sally Dearborn	Cemetery	OCEAN	11.11%	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	4.46	VAR.	1.61	-4.46	1.61
Account # NH-01-03-09-019				Total	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	450.00	40.10		14.47	-40.10	14.47
Mar. 18, 1901	1. Bursall Fund	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.87%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Mar. 23, 1904	2. Walker Fund	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Mar. 21, 1907	3. Coroline R. Moore	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Mar. 10, 1909	4. Sarah R. Osgood	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Mar. 09, 1909	5. Sarah H. Clark	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Jun. 27, 1914	6. Mary E. Parker	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Nov. 05, 1914	7. Giman H. Moore	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Apr. 10, 1917	8. Clement Fund	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Dec. 08, 1917	9. Sturtevant & Moore	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Jan. 28, 1919	10. Moore & Kilsedge	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Jul. 18, 1919	11. Harry A. Shepard	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Feb. 03, 1920	12. Thomas W. Moore	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
May 17, 1920	13. George T. Barnard	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
May 15, 1922	14. Susan S. Foster	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Apr. 03, 1922	15. Mary A. Clapp	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Feb. 01, 1924	16. Frank F. Hunt	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Jul. 24, 1924	17. Julia A. Stevens	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Dec. 01, 1924	18. Mary A. Clapp	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Apr. 03, 1924	19. Marjorie Roby	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
May. 26, 1926	20. Laura E. Cutler	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Mar. 21, 1928	21. Charles A. Grant	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Oct. 03, 1929	22. George A. Goblin	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Feb. 19, 1930	23. Cora H. Bliss	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Jun. 02, 1930	24. Edward E. Schneider	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Nov. 06, 1930	25. Dennis R. Burdell	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Apr. 02, 1931	26. Charles R. Chase	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Jan. 27, 1932	27. Harriet J. Parkhurst	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Mar. 03, 1932	28. Mary L. Osgood	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Jun. 23, 1932	29. Chancy L. Barnard	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22
Jun. 23, 1935	30. Peter Parker	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22	-8.87	3.22

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	% FUND	PRINCIPAL					INCOME		
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses)	Capital Dividend	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	% Rate	Amount Earned
Jan 24, 1936	31. Albert P. Wilson	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Feb 13, 1936	32. Charles P. Woodbury	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Apr. 02, 1936	33. John O. Parker	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Dec. 05, 1936	34. Frank H. Waters	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Apr. 03, 1940	35. Jennie R. Clapp (458-59-60)	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	35.47	VAR.	12.86
May 31, 1941	36. Mrs. Wilian E. Feich	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Jan. 13, 1942	37. Mrs. J. G. Dunnington	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Feb. 03, 1942	38. Gillis & Hean French	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Sep. 15, 1942	39. Fred H. Merrill	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Apr. 01, 1943	40. Adeline Hutton	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Aug. 10, 1943	41. Albert B. McLean	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Oct. 25, 1943	42. Hicks & McFadden	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
May 24, 1944	43. A. J. McKelvie	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
May 29, 1944	44. John Leslie	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Mar. 16, 1945	45. Annie Beane	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Jan. 28, 1947	46. Anna Holbrook	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Mar. 16, 1950	47. Grace B. Hodgman	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Dec. 16, 1950	48. John C. Schaller	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Sep. 05, 1956	49. Forest C. Blood	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.87	VAR.	3.22
Apr. 24, 1957	50. Arthur N. Hodgman	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.65	VAR.	3.21
May 24, 1957	51. Robert A. Hainham	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.73	VAR.	6.43
Nov. 24, 1957	52. Robert J. Bennett (& 51)	Cemetery	OCEAN	3.33%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.65	VAR.	3.21
Feb. 05, 1963	53. Stanley A. Hodgman	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.88	VAR.	3.22
Sep. 05, 1963	54. Clorissa A. Hodgman	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.88	VAR.	3.22
Aug. 21, 1968	55. Bessie M. Hood	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.85	VAR.	3.21
Feb. 19, 1969	56. Dorothy Koch	Cemetery	OCEAN	1.67%	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	8.85	VAR.	3.21
Account # NH-01-0349-4013					6000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6000.00	532.05		182.36
												-532.05
												192.36
Oct. 31, 1902	1. David Sweet	Cemetery	OCEAN	12.50%	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	13.29	VAR.	4.82
Nov. 02, 1923	2. Adie L. Gage	Cemetery	OCEAN	12.50%	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	13.29	VAR.	4.82
Jan. 01, 1932	3. Parkhurst & Alwood	Cemetery	OCEAN	12.50%	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	13.29	VAR.	4.82
Apr. 04, 1932	4. Thomas E. Barr	Cemetery	OCEAN	12.50%	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	13.29	VAR.	4.82
Aug. 01, 1933	5. Katherine E. Moore	Cemetery	OCEAN	12.50%	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	13.29	VAR.	4.82
May 4, 1936	6. George H. Vignin	Cemetery	OCEAN	12.50%	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	13.29	VAR.	4.82
Mar. 18, 1946	7. Archish A. Small	Cemetery	OCEAN	12.50%	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	13.29	VAR.	4.82
Jul. 03, 1946	8. Harold G. Tilton	Cemetery	OCEAN	12.50%	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	13.29	VAR.	4.82
Account # NH-01-0349-0014					1200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1200.00	106.33		38.59
												-106.33
												38.59

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				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses)	Dividend	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	% Rate	Amount Earned	Amount Expended	Ending Balance	
Dec. 11, 1903	1 Shepard Fund	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Dec. 13, 1909	2. William M. Patten	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Dec. 31, 1910	3. Stephen C. Damon	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Dec. 31, 1910	4. Thomas L. Burns	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Dec. 12, 1924	5. Charles Baals	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Jul. 27, 1939	6. John M. Hodgman	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Jun. 02, 1943	7. Dr. G. E. Hoffes	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Jun. 05, 1946	8. Charles Lenz	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Mar. 30, 1946	9. Charles D. Barnard	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Mar. 08, 1948	10. Charles J. Tinker	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Dec. 01, 1948	11. William Currie	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Dec. 01, 1952	12. Jesse P. Howard	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Oct. 01, 1952	13. Samuel H. Patten	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
May 22, 1956	14. Paul H. DeNicola	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Apr. 16, 1957	15. Minnie Estoricks	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
May 20, 1956	16. Abbie C. Gault	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Mar. 22, 1966	17. Augustus W. Clark	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Aug. 31, 1966	18. French & Wiggin	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Nov. 23, 1968	19. E. M. & R. R. Isham	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Feb. 10, 1978	20. Richard B. Taylor	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Mar. 10, 1982	21. Nabel A. Wheeler	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Nov. 29, 1982	22. Ann DeNicola	Cemetery	OCEAN	4.35%	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	17.74	VAR.	6.43	-17.74	6.43
Account # NH-01-9349-0015				4600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4600.00	408.00	147.93	-408.00		147.93	
Oct. 22, 1958	1. Barr Fund	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
Apr. 26, 1907	2. Susan J. Clerk	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
Oct. 27, 1925	3. Mary J. Moore	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
May 19, 1927	4. Lucy B. Savage	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
Apr. 18, 1929	5. William A. Hobart	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
May 22, 1930	6. Imogene M. Buewell	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
Apr. 04, 1938	7. William W. Wark	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
Jun. 16, 1957	8. George H. Gault	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
Nov. 19, 1957	9. Laura W. Oliver	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
Oct. 28, 1987	10. Lucien F. Normandin	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.00%	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	26.62	VAR.	9.65	-26.62	9.65
Account # NH-01-9349-0016				3000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3000.00	266.19	96.47	-266.19		96.47	
Feb. 28, 1929	1. Angeline Campbell	Cemetery	OCEAN	3.30%	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00	6.65	VAR.	2.41	-6.65	2.41
Jul. 24, 1952	2. Myron L. Stodney	Cemetery	OCEAN	3.30%	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	76.00	6.65	VAR.	2.41	-6.65	2.41
Jul. 02, 1936	3. Frank French	Cemetery	OCEAN	5.50%	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	11.09	VAR.	4.02	-11.09	4.02
Aug. 04, 1964	4. Lyman H. Fulton	Cemetery	OCEAN	49.45%	1125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1125.00	99.69	VAR.	36.18	-99.69	36.18
Aug. 07, 1966	5. Curtis Pecker	Cemetery	OCEAN	5.50%	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	125.00	11.09	VAR.	4.02	-11.09	4.02
Jan. 09, 1993	6. Darrah-Barchader	Cemetery	OCEAN	10.99%	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	22.15	VAR.	8.04	-22.15	8.04
Oct. 20, 1997	7. Charles B. Stowell	Cemetery	OCEAN	21.98%	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	44.31	VAR.	16.08	-44.31	16.08
Account # NH-01-9349-0017				2275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2275.00	201.59	73.16	-201.59		73.16	

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DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND	PURPOSE OF FUND	HOW INVESTED	%	PRINCIPAL					INCOME			
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses)	Capital Gain Dividend	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	% Rate	Amount Earned	
Nov. 30, 1944	Willis B. Kendall	Cemetery	OCEAN	NA	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	88.26	VAR.	32.15	208.67
Account # NH-01349-0012													
Dec. 09, 1924	1. Charles Beal	Library	OCEAN	9.82%	533.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	533.00	47.27	VAR.	17.14	17.14
Oct. 31, 1888	2. Adam Chandler	Library	OCEAN	11.78%	639.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	639.60	56.72	VAR.	20.57	20.57
Nov. 29, 1944	3. Frances E. Woodbury	Library	OCEAN	29.35%	1595.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	1595.70	141.51	VAR.	51.32	51.32
Nov. 29, 1944	4. Frank H. Waters	Library	OCEAN	39.20%	2128.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	2128.70	188.77	VAR.	68.46	68.46
Jun. 01, 1970	5. Edmund & Sarah Hull	Library	OCEAN	9.82%	533.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	533.00	47.27	VAR.	17.14	17.14
Account # NH-01349-0010													
Nov. 30, 1944	Willis B. Kendall	Library	OCEAN	NA	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	88.26	VAR.	32.15	174.63
Nov. 30, 1944	Willis B. Kendall	Church	OCEAN	NA	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00	88.78	VAR.	32.15	32.15
Nov. 30, 1944	Willis B. Kendall	Spanning	OCEAN	NA	2000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2000.00	401.13	VAR.	71.47	322.61
Oct. 28, 1996	Florence Tarr	Cemetery	OCEAN	NA	2500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2500.00	221.66	VAR.	89.40	89.40

REPORT OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS - TOWN OF BEDFORD ON DECEMBER 31, 2004

DATE	DESCRIPTION	CAPITAL RESERVE	HOW INVESTED	PRINCIPAL					INCOME		
				Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or (Losses)	Capital Gain Dividend	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	% Rate	Amount Earned
Oct. 14, 1993	1. Res. 3 Improvements	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	7799.53			7799.53	695.44	3.00%	238.74
Dec. 01, 1972	2. Transfer Station Equipment	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	12000.00			12000.00	67924.89	3.00%	2132.36
Dec. 01, 1972	3. Public Works Equipment	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	13524.41			13524.41	0.00	3.00%	412.42
Dec. 28, 1984	4. School Building Maintenance	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	23540.00			23540.00	16250.44	3.35%	1357.56
Aug. 18, 1997	5. Conservation Comm	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	204147.74	8191.27		289345.01	17376.01	3.00%	8218.31
Dec. 7, 1998	6. Town Hall Restoration	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	11959.73	5000.00		16959.73	624.56	3.00%	438.37
Dec. 7, 1998	7. Safety Complex	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	7270.53	8000.00		15270.53	0.00	VAR.	445.56
Dec. 22, 1998	8. School Tuition	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	100000.00			100000.00	21625.65	3.35%	4148.96
Jun. 7, 1999	9. Ambulance Replacement	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	52000.00	25000.00		77000.00	4861.71	VAR.	2748.46
Dec. 31, 1999	10. Sidewalk Reserve	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	9543.29			9543.29	1439.16	3.00%	334.91
Apr. 19, 2000	11. Comp. Replacement	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	20000.00	1000.00		21000.00	1433.89	VAR.	981.53
Apr. 19, 2000	12. Land Reserve	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	27500.00			27500.00	3007.03	VAR.	3538.78
Apr. 19, 2000	13. Exhaust Replacement	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	50000.00			50000.00	3364.60	VAR.	1878.37
Apr. 19, 2000	14. Sweeper Replacement	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	37500.00			37500.00	0.00	VAR.	562.74
Apr. 19, 2000	15. Building Addition	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	21819.98	37500.00		59319.98	1174.03	3.00%	701.20
Apr. 19, 2000	16. Silt Dome Reserve	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	80000.00			80000.00	5735.01	VAR.	1236.14
Jan. 30, 2001	17. School District Land Fund	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	450000.00			450000.00	31865.76	3.35%	16437.80
Mar. 6, 2001	18. Sewer Enterprise	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	225000.00	75000.00		300000.00	12073.40	VAR.	9248.25
Dec. 01, 1972	19. Res. 3 Improvements	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	7799.53			7799.53	695.44	3.00%	238.74
Dec. 01, 1972	20. Transfer Station Equipment	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	12000.00			12000.00	67924.89	3.00%	2132.36
Dec. 01, 1972	21. Public Works Equipment	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	13524.41			13524.41	0.00	3.00%	412.42
Dec. 28, 1984	22. School Building Maintenance	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	23540.00			23540.00	16250.44	3.35%	1357.56
Aug. 18, 1997	23. Conservation Comm	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	204147.74	8191.27		289345.01	17376.01	3.00%	8218.31
Dec. 7, 1998	24. Town Hall Restoration	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	11959.73	5000.00		16959.73	624.56	3.00%	438.37
Dec. 7, 1998	25. Safety Complex	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	7270.53	8000.00		15270.53	0.00	VAR.	445.56
Dec. 22, 1998	26. School Tuition	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	100000.00			100000.00	21625.65	3.35%	4148.96
Jun. 7, 1999	27. Ambulance Replacement	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	52000.00	25000.00		77000.00	4861.71	VAR.	2748.46
Dec. 31, 1999	28. Sidewalk Reserve	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	9543.29			9543.29	1439.16	3.00%	334.91
Apr. 19, 2000	29. Comp. Replacement	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	20000.00	1000.00		21000.00	1433.89	VAR.	981.53
Apr. 19, 2000	30. Land Reserve	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	27500.00			27500.00	3007.03	VAR.	3538.78
Apr. 19, 2000	31. Exhaust Replacement	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	50000.00			50000.00	3364.60	VAR.	1878.37
Apr. 19, 2000	32. Sweeper Replacement	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	37500.00			37500.00	0.00	VAR.	562.74
Apr. 19, 2000	33. Building Addition	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	21819.98	37500.00		59319.98	1174.03	3.00%	701.20
Apr. 19, 2000	34. Silt Dome Reserve	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	80000.00			80000.00	5735.01	VAR.	1236.14
Jan. 30, 2001	35. School District Land Fund	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	450000.00			450000.00	31865.76	3.35%	16437.80
Mar. 6, 2001	36. Sewer Enterprise	Cap. Resv	OCEAN	NA	225000.00	75000.00		300000.00	12073.40	VAR.	9248.25

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December 31, 2004

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Bedford School District
Bedford, New Hampshire

ANNUAL REPORT

(for the year ending June 30, 2004)

2005 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

SESSION I (Deliberations)
Thursday, February 10, 2005 - 7 p.m.

SESSION II (Ballot Vote)
Tuesday, March 8, 2005 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS

for the year ending June 30, 2004

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

Ryk Bullock 2007

Clerk

Kathleen VanAnglen.....2007

Treasurer

Peter Herdklotz 2007

School Board

Paul Brock, Chairman 2005

Daniel Sullivan, Vice Chairman 2005

Cindy Chagnon 2006

Susan Thomas 2006

David Sacks 2007

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REPORT OF THE BEDFORD SCHOOL BOARD

The 2003/2004 school year had two themes – planning for facilities, and improving how we do the basics of education. Both were accomplished by an outstanding team effort between the school board and the administration. I am proud of the accomplishments of our board and I thank them for a year that was, by far, the busiest and most demanding that I can recall in my nine years serving Bedford's schools. I am prouder still of the management team that serves Bedford's students. Our team in the schools and in the School Administrative Unit (SAU) represents an outstanding mix of classroom, administrative experience, freshness, and youth. Our superintendent, Mrs. Ann Remus, has already distinguished herself as one of the educational leaders in the state. She has the support of two outstanding assistants. Tim Mayes leads our finance and business efforts, and has a wealth of classroom, administrative, and supervisory experience at elementary, high school, and SAU levels. Chip McGee leads our curriculum and assessment activities, is a recent Doctoral graduate, and has teaching and administrative experience at elementary and high schools. Bedford and its students are well served by this team.

Facilities related activities dealt with our continued efforts to deal with growth in our student population and to try to address the question of a school for our grades 9-12 students. Student population growth in 2003/2004 was 51 students across grades P/K-12. We grew 34 students at the elementary level, such that our facilities were all operating at or over program capacity. Due to these capacity constraints, class sizes began to push the upper limits of the guidelines requested by the voters. We could not reduce class sizes as there was no room for additional classrooms. Adding-on to existing facilities was not an option as the infrastructure (core capacity, parking, building structure, or access) would not support it. We began a planning effort of administration and citizens to plan a new facility.

Another piece of the facilities theme was, of course, the high school issue. In 2003/2004 we were in the first year of a three-year short-term contract with Manchester (the voters having rejected the long-term agreement) and we needed a long-term solution. Voter feedback after the March 2002 vote indicated support for a lower-cost facility, so a proposal was developed for a high school at a projected cost of \$30 million.

The facilities theme would not be complete without the other sub-theme for this year which was, naturally, elections. We had several – three to be exact, and almost one more. In November the facilities proposals above were brought to the voters at a Special Election. While voter support was strong, the election failed for lack of a quorum.

In March, the facilities were again on the ballot. The high school failed, but with 56% of the vote (60% required), and the elementary vote failed with 54% (60% required). In June, a petitioned Special Election authorizing the execution of the long-term agreement with Manchester passed strongly, but failed for lack of a quorum.

The net result for facilities is that the district has not yet addressed the problems we face. Our student population continues to grow. Some years grow more than others, but the direction is steadily "up." Our population continues to increase across both elementary and high school, and as cohorts move through the system we will continue to face facilities issues. The school board and the administration will do its best to plan solutions that are sound fiscally and educationally.

We look to you for your support to continue to make Bedford's school system one of the attractions of our town.

The second theme of 2003/2004 is continued improvement at what we do, how we deliver, and how we measure, educational basics. While this theme affected many areas, I would like to focus on three elementary programs – a new assessment program, an outstanding new reading program, and a new math program.

In the 2002/2003 we implemented a trial of the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) testing program. Based on the success of the trial, we expanded the use of the program in 2003/2004. The expansion necessitated an upgrade to certain computer facilities, but since this testing is much cheaper than previous assessment systems, it was a wise and effective investment. This program, which includes testing for the subjects of math, reading and language usage, involves computer-based adaptive testing. This means that the test adjusts itself based on how well the student is performing. Correct answers lead to tougher questions in new areas; wrong answers lead to a broader exploration of the area of difficulty. I took the math and reading tests at the 6th grade level – trust me, the testing gets VERY tough when questions are answered correctly. Teachers and parents get an almost immediate view of a student's performance, with strengths and areas needing improvement identified. Assessment measures performance, but more importantly assessment should drive future program and future learning. By administering the NWEA tests twice per year – at the beginning and at the end – teachers and parents can measure progress, build more individualized learning programs, and improve the curriculum.

The district began the implementation of two exciting programs in 2003/2004 – the *Open Court Reading* program and *Everyday Math*. *Open Court* is a reading program based on extensive research done in the 90's on the subject of how children learn to read, how to improve their ability to read, comprehend what they read, and improve at related skills like spelling and vocabulary. This program began phasing into our lower grades in 2003/2004 and will continue for the next several years until it is the backbone of our elementary reading program.

The district uses the Gates-MacGinitie assessment test for reading, and the students who have participated in *Open Court* have shown outstanding results. This is a tremendous example of an innovative program, supported by the community, which is showing significant results.

The other new program is *Everyday Math*. Also based on extensive research on how children learn mathematics, this program combines the teaching of both basic skills and higher-level thinking and abstractions at earlier ages than previously thought possible.

The final item that relates to improved learning is the district's continued commitment to continuous improvement in our students' performance on the statewide assessment program – NHEIAP (New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program). Several years ago the district set very aggressive goals for our standards of performance against these standardized tests. We have achieved some, others remain as aggressive goals. But, we are making continued improvements across all groupings and subgroupings.

As a community we should be thankful for our administrative, teaching and support staff who are dedicated to our children, reaching for excellence, and committed to success.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Brock, Chairman

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

After Dennis Pope's 14 years of dedicated, expert service to the Bedford School District, I was honored to begin to attempt to fill his shoes as of July 1, 2003. Just eleven days later, the community suffered the loss of its beloved newly retired, long-time assistant superintendent, Ross Lurgio. Ross had developed a reputation statewide for his knowledge of curriculum and instruction. For Bedford, he added a dimension of humanity through which the district grew together as a family. He will live on in the hearts and minds of those who had the privilege of knowing and working with him.

The district welcomed Chip McGee as the new assistant superintendent for curriculum and assessment. Chip brings to the district high school teaching and administrative experience from New York City as well as advanced degrees in both business and education.

The year immediately moved into high gear for administration and the Bedford School Board. We investigated in depth what approaches might best address our space and facilities needs for grades Pre-K through 12. We continued the implementation of new, research-based approaches to curriculum and assessment. We provided professional development to increase the capacity of our professional and paraprofessional staff. I appreciate the opportunity to describe these initiatives in the following paragraphs, and invite all Bedford residents to become involved in our schools.

Elementary, Middle, and High School Facilities Planning

Due to steadily increasing enrollments, the school board brought forward a grades 5-6 intermediate school proposal. It was to be sited on the district-owned land on County Road, between the superintendent's office and McKelvie Middle School. Under this plan, McKelvie Middle School would have housed grades 7 and 8. Peter Woodbury and Riddle Brook Schools would have housed kindergarten through grade 4, and Memorial School would have housed, in addition to those grades, the district's Bedford Early Education Program (BEEP).

At the same time, as the voters in March 2003 had declined to approve entering a 20-year high school tuition contract with Manchester, Hooksett, Auburn and Candia, the district needed to plan for future high school placement. Bedford's tuition contract with Manchester expired at the end of the 2002/2003 school year. On July 1, 2003 the board signed an interim three-year tuition agreement to insure the continuity of the current high school students' education. That three-year agreement included the payment of the capital costs due over the first ten years of the 20-year contract, and included the provision that if Bedford entered the 20-year contract in a timely manner, the capital costs of \$10.6 million would revert to being spread over a ten-year period.

A Special Election was held on November 4, 2003, asking the voters to approve in Article I the 20-year high school tuition contract, from which the district could withdraw in five-year intervals, and a \$30 million proposed high school (Yes – 4,174; No – 1,307); and in Article II, the proposed intermediate school (Yes – 4,320; No – 1,165). The board proposed the so-called "compromise" Article I as a way to economically and carefully prepare for a transition from a tuition arrangement to a high school in Bedford. Not all voters agreed with combining the articles, leading to a boycott of the vote preventing the requisite quorum.

With the Pre-K through grade 8 space needs and high school placement not having been settled in November, these issues returned to the ballot in March 2004. Although the school board separated the high school tuition agreement and high school proposal into separate warrant articles, the tuition agreement article was amended by a vote of the Deliberative Session to read, "If and only if [the high school passes...shall the district enter the 20 year tuition agreement]." Again the high school failed, garnering 56% of the vote but needing 60% to pass (Yes – 4,379; No – 3,410). The intermediate school failed to pass as well (Yes – 3,785; No – 3246).

In December 2003, a resident, brought forward a proposal for a private school in Bedford, the Bedford Academy, to which all Bedford high school students might be tuitioned. Through this petitioned warrant article on the March 2004 ballot, the voters made clear their desire to have the school board continue to study the high school issue. They approved (Yes – 4,988, No – 2557) a warrant article directing the board to study a private school option while also concurrently further developing a public high school concept.

Not having had enough elections in one year (future generations reading this report: irony intended here!), a Special Election was held on June 1, 2004 for the sole purpose of once again, just before the deadline after which Manchester said it would not keep the offer open, ask the voters if they wished to enter into the 20-year high school tuition contract. Angered by the prior November voter boycott, enough voters stayed away from the polls in June to again prevent the quorum needed (50% of the voters registered to vote at the immediately preceding election). Thus while the vote total was significantly in favor of the contract, the vote was invalid (Yes – 4,552; No – 386).

Regarding facilities planning, the 2003/2004 year ended with two residents suggesting that the board consider a middle school/high school complex as a possible cost-efficient as well as educationally advantageous approach to solving the district's educational facilities needs Pre/K through grade 12. The 2004 High School Planning Committee, chaired by Tom Johnson, began to work in depth with the consulting architect firm of John Jordan and Kyle Barker to further develop the public high school plan while the board prepared to study the private plan as well.

Elementary and Middle School Curriculum and Assessment

In the midst of all the efforts directed towards facilities planning, the district was careful to keep its sight also focused on the work of constantly improving teaching and learning in our schools. Two elementary curriculums, *Open Court Reading* and *Everyday Math* having been piloted in 2002/2003, began to be fully implemented across early grade levels during 2003/2004. *Open Court* was implemented for grade 1, and *Everyday Math* in kindergarten and some grade 1 classrooms. These curriculums are challenging for teachers, particularly in the first year of teaching them. Our teachers rose to the occasion and are to be congratulated and thanked for their expert delivery of these research-based programs. A fine curriculum is necessary but not sufficient for success; it is highly competent teachers who are bringing these curricula to life, allowing our young students to make greater gains in math and reading.

Another exciting innovation, piloted in 2002/2003, was the Northwest Evaluation Association's *Measures of Academic Progress*. These assessments of reading, language usage and math, are delivered to students individually by computer. The computer responds to the students' answers:

with a correct answer, the computer delivers a harder question; with an incorrect answer, the next question is easier. The questions relate to a Learning Continuum, so that teachers can relate their students' scores to their point of learning. Thus our instruction can be better focused on each student's skill level in the three tested areas. Testing is administered in both September and May, allowing teachers, students and parents to see growth over time.

As you will see in the reports of the principals that follow this report, our four schools are active, alive places where children and adults are encouraged to flourish academically, socially, physically and in community service.

Retaining Professional and Support Staff

Our teachers distinguish themselves by the quantity and quality of the professional development in which they participate. The district worked intensively during the 2003/2004 school year to provide focused, job-specific professional development for many of our staff. In October 2003, the district held a full-day math conference, with a menu of workshops by our own teachers for our own teachers. The professional staff also increased their expertise through out-of-district workshops, seminars and graduate level courses.

At the March 2004 Annual School District Meeting, the voters approved (Yes – 5,377; No – 2,182) a first-time collective bargaining agreement with our secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants and food service staff. The agreement includes a provision for job-focused professional development for these important staff members.

Recognition

Good schools are created, sustained and constantly improved by teachers, instructional teaching assistants, custodians and maintenance workers, food service staff, nurses, secretaries, clerks, administrators, technology support staff, volunteers, students and supportive taxpayers. All the people, not bricks and mortar, are the stuff of great schools! I wish to thank each for the role he or she plays in making our schools more effective, satisfying places to work and learn.

In March 2004, school board member Rik Spaulding ended his tenure on the board, having served two full terms. He brought to the board and administrative team intelligence, humor, hard work and gently expressed wisdom. On behalf of myself, the administrative team, the staff of the Bedford schools, and Bedford's students, I wish to thank Rik for his contributions to the board and community.

As a result of the March 2004 school board elections, David Sacks filled the seat vacated by Rik. Others whose names were on the ticket as well are to be thanked for offering their energies to the community: Arnold Waldner, Bill Foote and Frank McDade.

Serving as a school board member has an aspect of near masochism about it: one earns less money per year than the cost of the gas consumed coming to meetings, works countless hours including many long evenings out, and loses sleep mulling over difficult decisions without the luxury of the hindsight available to critics. I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the school board for bringing their energy, time and talents to the difficult task of translating the community's values into the best possible educational experience for our children.

An Invitation and a Request

If you pay taxes in Bedford, you are an owner of the Bedford schools. If you don't often have reason to be in your schools, I encourage you to visit, and see what you own! Please call a principal if you would like to have a tour of one or more of our schools in action.

If you have a few hours to spare, consider becoming a volunteer in our schools. It will enrich your mind and spirit as well as enriching our students' school experience. If I have a day that seems to be going less than splendidly, even a brief visit into one of the schools raises my spirits and refreshes my optimism regarding our future.

As always, I encourage you to call me personally if you have concerns, suggestions, or praise for a person or program in the Bedford School District. In addition to one-on-one conversations in person or on the telephone, I as well as Bedford's other administrators always enjoy being invited to meet in homes so that in small neighborhood groups we can share what the schools are doing and you can share thoughts and questions that we need to hear. The more we communicate, the better our schools can become.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann G. Remus, Superintendent of Schools

MEMORIAL SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

The mission of Memorial School is to provide the social and intellectual environment in which all members feel safe, significant and intrinsically motivated to reach their potential as life-long learners. Memorial School continues to be an environment in which children are excited about learning. It is through our partnership with the student, parent, community and the school that we are able to create a positive learning experience for all children.

To provide a social environment for our children, we have incorporated the *Helpful Hurtful* curriculum. It is a program that aids, supports and educates all staff and students in the maintenance of a safe and nurturing environment that encourages the coping skills necessary for successful human interaction. Our school counselor, with the help of students, begins each school day with a message about a character trait such as courage or tolerance. Each month has had a different focus. Teachers often follow up with a discussion of the daily message in their morning meeting.

Curriculum implementation and assessment continue to be top priorities. The first grade fully implemented the *Open Court Reading* series. Students demonstrated significant growth in reading ability as a result of this implementation. Kindergarten classes and one first grade class piloted the *Everyday Math* program that provides a hands on math experience for children. In the fall, we implemented the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) assessment program for grades three through five. This gave teachers immediate and specific information about student performance that was then used to inform instruction. We encouraged families to participate in Fact Frenzy, spending three minutes each night reviewing math facts with their children.

Memorial received the Creative Communication Poetic Achievement Award – 2003. Twenty-six fifth graders, four fourth graders, four third graders, and five second graders had their poems published in the anthology, *A Celebration of Young Poets*, a work which creates a poetic record of the fears, hopes, and dreams of today’s students.

In February, the New Hampshire Partners in Education Program recognized Memorial School’s Volunteer Program as it received its fourteenth Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for our exemplary partnership between parents, community members, teachers, and staff.

Through the generosity of the Bedford Parent Teacher Group (PTG), we received \$15,000 that we will use for our playground renovation. We held preliminary discussions with Ron King, a playground designer, and have developed a tentative plan for implementation. Ron will work with our Community Council, teachers, students, parents and the community as we begin this endeavor.

The Student Council raised \$1,027.99 through the Trick or Treat for UNICEF program to collect donations for less fortunate children around the world.

Kaitlin Fink was the winner of our Geography Bee, with Milan Sandhu taking second place and Justin Rooney placing third. Kaitlin went on to represent us at the state-level bee at Keene State College. Kaitlin was runner-up in this contest. Several Memorial inventors demonstrated their ingenuity at the Memorial School Invention Convention. Fifth graders Forrest Schmitt with his Automatic Door Light, and Matt Vitagliano and Ryan Graff with their Graff-Pop-O-Matic, tied

for the first place Rube Gold Award for grade 5. Fourth graders Jessica Graff, Rachel Kim and Megan Foster's Amazing Light took first place for the fourth grade Rube Gold Award, while Lindsay Pollock's Caramel Apple Maker took first place for the third grade.

Memorial students and staff continue to love the opera. Memorial School made New Hampshire history when we became the first New Hampshire school to write, score and produce its own opera. Memorial School students developed and presented the opera *Metamorphosis* four times for the school, community and parents through the support of the Artist in Residence Grant, financial support from the PTG and funds from the Spring Fling. Phil Lauriat, Adi Rule and Rebecca Rule were our resident artists.

As specified in the original Outdoor Learning Park plan developed by Memorial students and Laura Campbell, a previous Artist in Residence, second and third graders made decorated concrete stepping stones. These stones were then installed by their creators in the Outdoor Learning Park garden beds.

Two teams represented Memorial School at the Destination Imagination regional tournament. The Rising Stars team, Katie Lee, Megan Jurnak, Taylor Peach, Gabrielle Potter, Ashley Maddox and Yoav Margalit were praised for their creativity, humor, and plot. The Upbeat Improv group, Emily Coutu, Gilad Margalit, Sam Coutu, Ciera Wallace, Katie Viens, and Kim Desrocher placed second in their category.

Several Memorial teachers participated in a very successful technology workshop with Deb Rodd, our technology teacher. Lisa Smith created a *File Maker Pro* database with information on the northeast and southeast states. Leslie Fredette completed a *Hyperstudio* stack and Apple Works minibook template for the grade 2 *Hooray for the USA* unit. Chrissy Madison produced an *iMovie* on cell animation. Cheryl Mousseau used *Hyperstudio* and *Kidspiration* to create an interactive project for the students to complete during the NH Government unit. All of these teachers shared their projects with other teachers in their grade level.

The Memorial community celebrated the life of beloved Assistant Superintendent Ross Lurgio by creating a living garden memorial. Fond memories were shared with his family at the dedication ceremony.

Memorial gives sincere thanks to the Bedford community for its continued support. We thank the school board, superintendent and assistant superintendents for their direction and guidance. Special thanks to the PTG for its generous support and also our volunteers for selfless giving of their time and work on so many projects. Sincere thanks to our staff, parents, and students who make this a wonderful place to work and learn.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ilg, Principal

PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Committed to excellence, the staff of the Peter Woodbury School is dedicated to the goal that all students reach challenging levels of performance so that they will achieve their highest potential! It is the mission of the Peter Woodbury School to integrate teaching, learning and caring in our community. We strive to cultivate an environment that fosters academic excellence, respects diversity and builds a foundation for lifelong learning.

Highlights of the school year included ...

Curriculum/Assessment

Academic units that reflect the NH Curriculum Frameworks, rigorous grade level objectives and the high standard of expectations of the Bedford community are introduced to our students on a daily basis. Our use of the Northwest Evaluation Association’s (NWEA) *Measures of Academic Progress* assessment tool and other standardized measurements provide our teachers with data that is applicable to decisions that guide differentiated instruction and flexible grouping in all grade levels. During this academic year, the *Open Court Reading* series was fully implemented in grade one and the *Everyday Math* program was implemented in kindergarten.

The Peter Woodbury School Mentoring Program supports new teachers as they are mentored by trained, veteran teachers. The new teachers are guided through curriculum and assessment expectations, as they also learn standard school procedures.

Through integrated lessons, the collaborative efforts of the classroom teachers and the technology team create opportunities that allow for students to use technology as a teaching and learning tool. This is exemplified by a music initiative in which students use the program *Hyperscore* to compose musical selections on a computer and share them with their peers.

Responsive Classroom/Enrichment

Through the Responsive Classroom program, character education teaches children about basic human values including honesty, kindness, generosity, courage, freedom, equality and respect. Problem-solving, decision-making and conflict resolution are important parts of developing the moral character of each child. These important skills are taught through the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program, the Positive Behavior Plan, and Peter Woodbury All School Meetings.

All grade levels implement brain-based instructional strategies that enhance learning. Events at our school include the Artist in Residence program, a Geography Fair, and the Invention Convention.

Volunteer Program

In February, the NH Partners in Education program recognized the Peter Woodbury School’s Volunteer Program as it received its fourteenth Blue Ribbon Achievement Award for its exemplary partnership between parents, community members, teachers and staff.

School/Community Partnerships

Bedford businesses, the Bedford Parent Teacher Group (PTG), and other support organizations enhanced learning and instruction through donations to special projects, classroom resources and student visitations. The Playground, Habitat, and School Event Committees collaborated to raise funds for the continued upgrade of our playground, Habitat Garden, and the planning for an outdoor classroom.

Coordinated by teachers Ginny Toland and Lorri Thornton, the Peter Woodbury School's Community Action Team, made up of all of the grade five students, reached out to their school, town, state, country and world communities. Student projects included food and clothing drives, a recycling program and visits to the residents at our school-business partner, the Harborside Healthcare Senior Community. School community partnerships have also been established with the Bedford Mall and Centrix Bank who support various school programs.

Our school continued to be active in the Bedford community, encouraging school partnerships and collaborative efforts. The Community Alliance for School Excellence (CASE) Team supported our school's desire to provide for community outreach, as well as to strengthen our school/business partnerships. The focus message of the CASE Team is that, "A partnership with home, school and community is essential for our success." In fact, CASE was a prime supporter of the Parenting 101 Junior program, during which the district's elementary schools' guidance counselors met with parents and community members in bi-monthly forums that allowed for discussions that varied from child-rearing skills to sound school-home communication strategies.

The Peter Woodbury School's Student Council provided our students with an experience in governance and school/community service.

Recognition

Teachers Diane Lonergan, Lynn Knoll, and Meredith Zahlaway were named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

Teachers Jessie Neville and Diane Lonergan were presented an *ING* "Education Unsung Hero Award" for being recognized as two of America's most innovative teachers.

I conclude by expressing my appreciation to the Peter Woodbury staff, the Bedford School Board, administrators, central office staff, the Bedford PTG, parents, students and community members for their dedication to academics, learning and children.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Williams, Principal

RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

As the 2003/2004 school year comes to a close, it is both customary and necessary to reflect upon the happenings at Riddle Brook School. During this academic year, there were many continued traditions as well as changes inevitable in the fast-paced environment of a school. Among the traditions that are hallmarks of Riddle Brook School were Ellis Island Day, Winterfest, and our Artist in Residence program. The staff and students of our school experienced changes in educational programming, made improvements to our playground, and bid a fond farewell to Principal Marsha McGill.

In addition to the standard second grade curriculum, our second grade students were fortunate enough to work with a local artist in designing four large murals for our school. As a part of their Animals in Winter unit, each second grader designed a drawing to be used for the larger paintings. The students and teachers carefully chose one piece of their work to be added to the murals. The final design incorporates four murals – one for each season – with animals representing winter, spring, summer and fall. These murals are currently on display in the main hallway of our school.

Ellis Island Day continues to be a highlight for our fourth grade students. With leadership provided through our SEED (Students Experiencing Educational Diversity) program, students spend time studying the heritage and ancestry of their families. After family histories are shared with their peers, students prepare to re-enact what it must have been like to immigrate to America in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The culminating activity for this day requires students to wait in lines and successfully pass numerous checkpoints in order to finally make it through to the New World. After this experience, students return to their classrooms to enjoy foods from the various countries represented during the reenactment.

Students in grade five participated in an economics unit that required teams to develop a company, decide on a product to manufacture and plan marketing strategies. Many weeks were spent planning and preparing for the sale of their products. The culminating activity for this unit consisted of students selling their products to adults and children during the annual tradition of Winterfest. Proceeds collected from Winterfest were donated to a variety of student-selected charities.

The faculty and staff of Riddle Brook School continue to keep their focus on student learning. Two new academic programs challenge our students to continue achieving at high levels. *Open Court Reading* is a comprehensive language arts program that was implemented in our first grade classrooms. With this new, research-based instructional program, students and teachers focus on early literacy development and the differentiation of instruction with a diverse classroom of learners. *Everyday Math* is also new to the district. Students in kindergarten experience an inquiry-based, hands-on approach to teaching the basics of mathematical thinking. As evidenced in our students’ achievement, these programs continue to make Riddle Brook a high performing school.

As we continue to foster the academic growth of each child, we also recognize the importance of student play. In keeping up with active students, Riddle Brook’s CARE (Community Advocating

Riddle Brook Excellence) Team saw the fruit of their labor as some major changes to our playground took place after two years of fundraising and planning. In Phase I of this two-phase project, Riddle Brook added a pavilion with four picnic tables, a ball wall complete with netting, five thousand square feet of additional asphalt, a custom trellis, basketball benches and additional erosion control, thanks to the hard work of a local Eagle Scout, Jason McNerny. Phase II of this project will begin in the spring of 2005.

As the school year was brought to a close, Principal Marsha McGill announced her plans to rejoin her former colleagues as the newly appointed Principal of the James Masticola Upper Elementary School in Merrimack. As a final farewell, the staff and students of our school presented Mrs. McGill with an artist's drawing of Riddle Brook School. It is with fondness and nostalgia that we wish her the best in her new school.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the Bedford School Board, central office administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents and community members for their unconditional support as we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do for the benefit of the children we serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fournier, Principal (2004/2005)

Marsha McGill, Principal (2003/2004)

McKELVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL – PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

McKelvie enjoyed an exciting and academically challenging year. The students and faculty continue to work together to provide an atmosphere that fosters learning and collegiality. Each year, teachers strive to implement best practices in teaching strategies to improve instruction and make curriculum meaningful for all students.

Academic excellence is a primary goal for McKelvie. At the Honors Tea in June, eighty-six 8th grade students received plaques for earning all A’s and B’s during their 7th and 8th grade years. Five students were given further distinction for having all A’s during 7th and 8th grade.

McKelvie 7th and 8th grade students participated in the Third International Mathematics and Science Study (TIMSS), which compares our students to their national and international peers. Nearly 33,000 American youth and students from 41 countries have participated in this assessment. In math, the Bedford students were in the 66th percentile, compared to the international average of the 53rd percentile and out performed students from all countries except Singapore, Japan, Korea, and Hong Kong. In science, on average, they scored in the 66th percentile compared to the international average of the 50th percentile and outscored students from all participating countries. McKelvie’s sixth grade students participate in the state assessment, NHEIAP (New Hampshire Educational Improvement and Assessment Program). 87% of McKelvie six graders scored basic or above on the reading test compared to 74% statewide; and 90% of McKelvie six graders scored basic or above on the mathematics test compared to 73% statewide.

A number of faculty members and students were recognized for excellence. Students in all three grades participated in the essay contest, “What Patriotism Means to Me.” Nine of those students represented McKelvie at the Kids Voting-NH at the State House in Concord. McKelvie’s French class students participated in the National French Exam, Le Grade Concours, and many placed in the top ten in their divisions. Two 7th grade students placed first in their divisions.

Sue Mullen, one of our 7th and 8th grade guidance counselors, received the Good Samaritan Award for Education from the NH Pastoral Counseling Services. Seventh grade math teacher, Kay Burns, was the recipient of the NH Excellence in Teaching Award for math.

All McKelvie students participated in the district-wide standardized testing, Northwest Evaluation Association’s (NWEA) *Measures of Academic Progress* test. This computerized test provided teachers information about each student’s individual strengths and weaknesses in math, reading, and language usage. As the teachers become more proficient at analyzing the data they are able to target specific areas of curriculum and plan instruction to meet the needs of all students.

McKelvie students were fortunate to host several distinctive visitors who provided insight into real world challenges. Miss America 2003, Erika Harold, delivered a powerful message to the students on the impact of being bullied during a 6th and 7th grade assembly. Her personal stories left the students with a stronger understanding of how one’s actions may have life-altering effects on other people. Andrew Clements, author of over twenty novels, led large and small group discussions bringing to life the process of writing and publishing books. This visit was a

culminating activity for the McKelvie staff and students who chose his book, *Things Not Seen*, for a school-wide reading project.

A visit from Jim Fowler of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom and a variety of wild animals created quite an impression. Mr. Fowler's message informed students about the importance of protecting all endangered species. His presentation motivated several students to enter Mutual of Omaha's essay contest. One McKelvie student was the state winner; Mutual of Omaha provided her and her mother an all expense paid trip to San Diego.

The school nurse's interest in creating local and state awareness of Type 1 diabetes led to a visit from U.S. Representative Jeb Bradley. Nine McKelvie students who are challenged with this disease participated in a round table discussion with Representative Bradley, the school nurse and their families. This powerful encounter gave Representative Bradley and the audience a graphic snapshot of daily living with Type 1 diabetes.

The generosity of the Bedford community continues to provide us with support for many of our programs. The Parent Teacher Group (PTG) is a tireless group of dedicated parents who deserve recognition. Whether they are helping teachers with daily tasks, raising money to fund programs, helping with our magazine drive, chaperoning field trips or organizing supplies and food for the Cardigan Experience, they are always available and we truly could not do our programs without them.

This year, McKelvie was the recipient of a donation from the Brindisi Children's Relays, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bedford. In the spirit of the memorial for Steve Brindisi, a former McKelvie science teacher, the donation was used to enhance the science program.

In closing, this letter highlights only a few areas of our year. Many ongoing programs, organizations, and activities continue to be a vital part of our school. Students, faculty and parents are such an integral part of our school and each day brings new opportunities for academic and emotional growth for all of us. I am blessed to work in such wonderful supportive environment. On behalf of McKelvie staff and students, I would like to thank the community, the school board and the central office for the continued support and generosity that allows us to "flourish."

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Raudonis, Principal

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Session I – October 2, 2003

School District Moderator Ryk Bullock convened Session I of the Special School District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the gym of McKelvie Middle School with approximately 280 people in attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Susan Thomas, Vice Chairperson Cindy Chagnon, Paul Brock, Dan Sullivan, and Richard Spaulding. ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Ann Remus, School District Counsel Eugene Van Loan, Assistant Superintendent for Finance Tim Mayes, School District Moderator Ryk Bullock, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Chip McGee, and School District Clerk Peter Herdklotz.

Moderator Bullock welcomed all present and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. He thanked several people for their work to bring about the warrant articles to be discussed. The rules of the meeting were explained and it was pointed out that all votes would be conducted by secret ballot as a result of a citizen petition submitted for this purpose.

Moderator Bullock reading Article I.

ARTICLE I (Special Warrant Article) *Shall the School District raise and appropriate a total sum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping an approximately 1200 student capacity new high school building (with a core capacity of 1500 students) and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the District at Nashua and County Roads, Bedford; and shall the District authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall it authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof;*

and, further, shall the District authorize the School Board to execute the twenty (20) year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District on behalf of the District and to submit it to the New Hampshire Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and shall it also authorize the School Board, when and if appropriate, to give notice of an early termination of such Agreement, as provided for therein, and, finally, shall it authorize the School Board to take such other and further action with respect to such Agreement as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Article? (The School Board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)

Dan Sullivan spoke to the article and there was a slide presentation followed by a question period.

Eugene (Gus) Garceau, 214 North Amherst, Gus asked several questions about the contract including is the contract negotiable. Sue responded to these questions and indicated the intent of the board is to be out of the contract by 2008.

David Michaels, 30 Maple Drive, concerned about Article I and thinks it should be split in two. Sue and Dan responded and indicated the rationale for including everything as Article I.

John Maxwell, 4 Briston Court, asked about the tax rate. Sue responded. He also wondered why the school was 45 million two years ago and 30 million now. Dan responded to the size difference.

Frank Zito, South Hills Drive, moved to split Article I into two articles.

Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird Drive, spoke against the motion.

Several residents presented pro and con arguments to the article as one or split into two articles. The residents included: Jeff Brown, 33 Beaver Lane; Phil Bruno, 18 Beech Street; David Fish, 70 Colonel Daniels Drive; John Bzik, 20 Harvard Lane; Mike Ford, 11 Silver Spring Drive; Linda Camarota, 16 Weymouth Drive; and Brenda Cohen, 22 Quincy Drive.

Tom Riley, 4 Tiffany Lane, moved the question.

The meeting stopped to conduct the secret ballot. The ballot results for Article I being split into two articles was 75 "yes" and 197 "no." Motion failed, so Article I warrant will remain as presented.

Matt Readman, 85 Quincy Drive, wanted to know who requested the secret ballot. Moderator Bullock stated that it was by a citizen's petition.

Joan Wood, 44 Briston Court, had questions about tuition for future students. The tuition requirements were outlined for students wishing to attend Manchester schools in the future.

Moderator Bullock read Article II.

ARTICLE II (Special Warrant Article) *Shall the School District raise and appropriate a total sum of Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000.00) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping a new grades 5 and 6 intermediate school building and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the District at Liberty Hill and County Roads, Bedford, adjacent to the McKelvie School, and shall the District authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000.00) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall it authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof? (The School Board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

Sue Thomas spoke to the article and went over a slide presentation of the proposed school.

With no discussion on Article II, Moderator Bullock adjourned the special deliberative session at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Herdklotz, School District Clerk

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
BALLOT VOTE**

Session II – November 4, 2003

Bedford School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the polls in the gymnasium at the McKelvie Middle School at 7:00 a.m. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Bullock closed the polls.

At 8:15 p.m., after all ballots were tallied and accounted for, Moderator Bullock announced a total of 6,420 ballots needed to validate the Special School District Election were not received. A total of 5,511 ballots were cast (5,071 regular votes, 440 absentee votes).

The outcome of the voting is as follows:

ARTICLE I. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the School District raise and appropriate a total sum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping an approximately 1200 student capacity new high school building (with a core capacity of 1500 students) and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the District at Nashua and County Roads, Bedford; and shall the District authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall it authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof;*

and, further, shall the District authorize the School Board to execute the twenty (20) year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District on behalf of the District and to submit it to the New Hampshire Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and shall it also authorize the School Board, when and if appropriate, to give notice of an early termination of such Agreement, as provided for therein, and, finally, shall it authorize the School Board to take such other and further action with respect to such Agreement as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Article? (The School Board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 4,174; No – 1,307. (Vote invalid due to insufficient number of ballots cast).

ARTICLE II. *(Special Warrant Article) Shall the School District raise and appropriate a total sum of Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000.00) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping a new grades 5 and 6 intermediate school building and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the District at Liberty Hill and County Roads, Bedford, adjacent to the McKelvie School, and shall the District authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000.00) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall it authorize the School Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof? (The School Board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,320; No – 1,165. (Vote invalid due to insufficient number of ballots cast).

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Herdklotz, School District Clerk

2004 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Session I – February 5, 2004

School District Moderator Ryk Bullock convened Session I of the Annual School District Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the gym of McKelvie Middle School with approximately 305 registered voters and guests in attendance.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Susan Thomas, Vice Chairperson Cindy Chagnon, Paul Brock, Dan Sullivan, and Rik Spaulding. ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent Ann Remus, School District Counsel Eugene Van Loan, Assistant Superintendent for Finance Tim Mayes, School District Moderator Ryk Bullock, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum Chip McGee, and School District Clerk Peter Herdklotz.

Moderator Bullock welcomed all present and led the audience in the pledge of allegiance. He thanked several people for their work to bring about this meeting. He turned the meeting over to Sue Thomas.

Sue stated that this was the last meeting for Rik Spaulding and acknowledged his six years of service to the Bedford School Board.

Moderator Bullock went over the rules to be followed for the meeting and informed the body that he had received 12 petitions to request secret ballots for any votes on the warrant.

Matt Readman, 85 Quincy Drive, made a motion to move articles 15 and 16 after article 4 on the agenda. No discussion. Motion passed.

Moderator Bullock reading Article I.

ARTICLE I. [Elections of officials.] *To elect all necessary school district officials. (Vote by official ballot.)*

No discussion. Moderator Bullock read Article II.

ARTICLE II. *[Construction of a grades 5 and 6 intermediate school, including furnishings and equipment.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate a total sum of Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping a new grades 5 and 6 intermediate school building and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the district at Liberty Hill and County Roads, Bedford, adjacent to the McKelvie Middle School, and shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall it authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; furthermore, to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the first year's interest payment? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

No discussion. Moderator Bullock read Article III.

ARTICLE III. *[Construction of a grades 9 through 12 high school, including furnishings and equipment AND signing a maximum twenty (20) year high school tuition agreement with Manchester as a transition vehicle.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate a total sum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping an approximately 1200 student capacity new high school building (with a core capacity of 1500 students) and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the district at Nashua and County Roads, Bedford; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; furthermore, to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the first year's interest payment; furthermore, in order to spread out over 10 years the capital costs that the district would otherwise have to pay to the City of Manchester within three (3) years under its current tuition arrangement, shall the district authorize the school board to execute on behalf of the district the twenty (20) year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District which will thereby reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated to fund the district's operating budget and default budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year, as provided for in Article XII of this warrant, by the sum of Three Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$3,135,846); and, shall the district direct the school board, when appropriate to provide for the transition of students to the new high school, to give notice of an early termination of the said Manchester Agreement, as provided for therein; and, finally, shall the district authorize the school board to take such other and further action with respect to such Agreement as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Article? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

Discussion – Frank McDade, 70 County Road, proposed an amendment to change the wording to read on land owned within the town of Bedford.

Several residents spoke to the issue of the amendment, with pro and con arguments.

The question was called and Gus Garceau, 214 North Amherst Road asked the moderator if there would be a voice vote on the article's amendment. The moderator took a voice vote and the amendment failed.

Tim Villeneuve, 10 Gage Road, stated that he was against Article 3 for the reason of not seeing a plan for the high school.

Sue Thomas responded and said that we would not be able to exceed the 30 million with this article.

Moderator Bullock read Article IV.

ARTICLE IV. *[Signing a maximum twenty (20) year high school tuition agreement with Manchester.] Shall the school district authorize the school board to execute on behalf of the district the twenty (20) year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District, which will allow the district to continue sending its high school students to the City of Manchester for the duration of the contract or, if and when the district should decide otherwise, will allow the district to give notice of an early termination of such Agreement, as provided for therein; and which will spread out over 10 years the capital costs that the district would otherwise have to pay to the City of Manchester within 3 years under its current tuition arrangement and thereby reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated to fund the district's operating budget and default budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year, as provided for in Article XII of this warrant, by the sum of Three Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$3,135,846); and, finally, shall the district authorize the school board to take such other and further action with respect to such Agreement as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Article? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

William Greiner, 56 Perry Road, I am here as a taxpayer and resident tonight. An amendment to add the following words at the beginning of the article was proposed. "If and only if Article 3 passes."

There was a lot of discussion which did not directly address the article or the amended article. There were several speaking for and against the amended article expressing personal feelings.

The question was moved by Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird and the question motioned passed.

Moderator Bullock read the amended Article 4.

ARTICLE IV. *[Signing a maximum twenty (20) year high school tuition agreement with Manchester.] If and only if Article III passes, shall the school district authorize the school board to execute on behalf of the district the twenty (20) year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District, which will allow the district to continue sending its high school students to the City of Manchester for the duration of the contract or, if and when the district should decide otherwise, will allow the district to give notice of an early termination of such Agreement, as provided for therein; and which will spread out over 10 years the capital costs that the district would otherwise have to pay to the City of Manchester within 3 years under its current tuition arrangement and thereby reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated to fund the district's operating budget and default budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year, as provided for in Article XII of this warrant, by the sum of Three Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$3,135,846); and, finally, shall the district authorize the school board to take such other and further action with respect to such Agreement as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Article? (Majority ballot vote required.)*

A secret ballot was conducted and the amended article passed 158 "yes" and 135 "no."

Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird, moved to bar reconsideration. Moderator Bullock said ayes have it.

Moderator Bullock continued the meeting with Article 15.

ARTICLE XV. *Shall the Bedford School District direct the School Board to explore in good faith the concept of tuitioning secondary school age students (as is currently done to Manchester) instead to a private, non-profit secondary school (such as a Bedford Academy) that does not place any incremental tax burden on the taxpayers of Bedford; and to delay approval and/or construction of a Bedford public high school while concurrently further developing the public high school concept; and to report findings to the Bedford School District by December 1, 2004? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Bill Greiner, 56 Perry Road, proposed amendment to read "if Article 3 fails, should the school board at its said discretion, explore the concept of a charter high school and tuitioning secondary students to a private non profit secondary school."

There was some discussion and Greiner withdrew the amendment. He proposed a new amendment to Article 15 to read "If and only if Article 3 fails."

There was discussion of the pro and con of this amended article.

Moderator Bullock read the amended Article 15.

ARTICLE XV. *If and only if Article III fails, shall the Bedford School District direct the School Board to explore in good faith the concept of tuitioning secondary school age students (as is currently done to Manchester) instead to a private, non-profit secondary school (such as a Bedford Academy) that does not place any incremental tax burden on the taxpayers of Bedford; and to delay approval and/or construction of a Bedford public high school while concurrently further developing the public high school concept; and to report findings to the Bedford School District by December 1, 2004? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

A secret ballot was conducted and the results were 198 "yes" and 75 "no." Amended article passes.

Bob Heaps, 66 Colonel Daniels, moved to bar reconsideration. Motion passed.

Moderator Bullock reading Article 16.

ARTICLE XVI. *Shall the District authorize and direct the School Board to execute the twenty year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District on behalf of the Bedford School District and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and require the Bedford School Board to obtain the authorization and agreement of the voters of the District prior to notifying the Manchester School District that they are exercising their contractual right to opt out; said authorization and agreement is to be obtained by the vote of the District on a separate article inserted in the Warrant of the annual School District Meeting? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Dan Sullivan proposed the following amendment. "If Article 3 fails shall the district authorize and direct the School Board to execute the twenty year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District on behalf of the Bedford School District and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22?"

There was some discussion for and against the amended article.

Dan Sullivan withdrew his amendment and changed his amendment to add the following words before the original Article 16. The inserted words are "If Article 3 fails."

Moderator Bullock read the amended Article 16. The secret ballot was 105 "yes" and 138 "no." Amendment failed. The original Article 16 is still in tact.

A motion to bar reconsideration failed.

William Greiner, 56 Perry Road, proposed an amendment to Article 16.

Discussion continued with several questions directed to Eugene Van Loan for his interpretation. His interpretation stated that the amendments effect on the articles, the subject matter is not changed, just the intent and it is in bounds of an appropriate motion.

Several more comments were made about the meeting procedures and not directed to the amendment.

Moderator Bullock read the amended Article 16.

ARTICLE XVI. *If and only if Article III passes, shall the District authorize and direct the School Board to execute the twenty year High School Maintenance (Tuition) agreement with the Manchester School District consistent with the provisions of Article III? (By Petition) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

The secret ballot vote was 127 "yes" and 93 "no." Amended article passed.

Mark Stull moved to bar reconsideration. Motion passed.

Moderator Bullock read Article 5.

ARTICLE V. *[Deficit appropriation to pay 2003/2004 capital costs to Manchester unanticipated at the March 2003 Annual School District Meeting.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000) as a deficit appropriation for the 2003/2004 fiscal year to fund the first year of the district's share of the capital costs which the district is obligated to pay to the City of Manchester over 3 years under its current high school tuition arrangement and for which no appropriation was made at the 2003 Annual School District Meeting? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Some discussion and clarifications were presented to the article.

With no amendments or other questions, Moderator Bullock read Article 6.

ARTICLE VI. *[Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$792,331) to fund those additional cost items related to the fifth year of a five-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2004/2005 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2003/2004 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

With no discussion, Moderator Bullock read Article 7.

ARTICLE VII. *[Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

With no discussion, Moderator Bullock read Article 8.

ARTICLE VIII. *[Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$31,177) to fund those additional cost items related to the fourth year of a four-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2004/2005 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2003/2004 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

With no discussion, Moderator Bullock read Article 9.

ARTICLE IX. *[Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VIII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VIII cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

With no discussion, Moderator Bullock read Article 10.

ARTICLE X. *[Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$80,857) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a two-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2004/2005 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2003/2004 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

With no discussion, Moderator Bullock read Article 11.

ARTICLE XI. *[Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article X is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article X cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

With no discussion, Moderator Bullock read Article 12.

ARTICLE XII. *[Operating budget.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirty-Nine Million Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$39,683,572) except that the amount to be raised herein shall be Thirty-Six Million Five Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$36,547,726) if either Articles III, IV and/or XVI pass? [Should this article be defeated and Articles III, IV and/or XVI fail, the operating budget shall be Thirty-Nine Million Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$39,299,721) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or should this article be defeated and either Articles III, IV and/or XVI pass, the operating budget shall be Thirty-Six Million One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$36,163,875) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Paul Brock proposed changes to Article 12 to make some technical changes.

Gus Garceau asked to remove secret ballot for these technical changes.

Roy Stewart, 19 Hickory Lane, because the changes were only technical there is no secret ballot required. Moderator Bullock read the corrected Article 12.

ARTICLE XII. *[Operating budget.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirty-Nine Million Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$39,683,572) except that the amount to be raised herein shall be Thirty-Six Million Five Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$36,547,726) if Article III passes? [Should this article be defeated and Article III fails, the operating budget shall be Thirty-Nine Million Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$39,299,721) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or should this article be defeated and Article III passes, the operating budget shall be Thirty-Six Million One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$36,163,875) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous*

action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

Article 12 passed a verbal vote.

Moderator Bullock read Article 13.

ARTICLE XIII. *[Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

No discussion.

Moderator Bullock read Article 14.

ARTICLE XIV. *Shall we change the date for elections and the second session of the Annual School District Meeting from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April, which would change the date for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in February, inclusive? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

The petitioner did not wish to address Article 14.

With no discussion on Article 14, Moderator Bullock adjourned the 2004 deliberative session at 11:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Herdklotz, School District Clerk

2004 ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING ELECTION/BALLOT VOTE

Session II – March 9, 2004

Bedford School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the polls in the gymnasium at the McKelvie Middle School at 7:00 a.m. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Bullock closed the polls.

At 10:00 p.m., after all ballots were tallied and accounted for, Moderator Bullock announced a total of 7,860 ballots were cast (7,178 regular votes, 682 absentee votes) with the following results:

ARTICLE I. *(Election of Officers)*

School Board (three-year term – 1 position)

- “Bill” Foote – 984 votes
- “Frank” McDade – 183 votes
- David Sacks – 3,028 votes
- Arnold Waldner – 2,489 vote

David Sacks was declared elected.

School District Moderator (three-year term – 1 position)

- Ryk Bullock – 5,809 votes

Ryk Bullock was declared elected.

School District Clerk (three-year term – 1 position)

- Kathleen “Kathy” VanAnglen – 5,605 votes

Kathleen VanAnglen was declared elected.

School District Treasurer (three-year term – 1 position)

- Peter Alan Herdklotz – 5,392 votes

Peter Herdklotz was declared elected.

ARTICLE II. *[Construction of a grades 5 and 6 intermediate school, including furnishings and equipment.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate a total sum of Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping a new grades 5 and 6 intermediate school building and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the district at Liberty Hill and County Roads, Bedford, adjacent to the McKelvie Middle School, and shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Fourteen Million Dollars (\$14,000,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall it authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates*

of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; furthermore, to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) for the first year's interest payment? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 3,785 votes; No – 3,246 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article II did not pass because the required 3/5ths vote was not obtained.

ARTICLE III. *[Construction of a grades 9 through 12 high school, including furnishings and equipment AND signing a maximum twenty (20) year high school tuition agreement with Manchester as a transition vehicle.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate a total sum of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping an approximately 1200 student capacity new high school building (with a core capacity of 1500 students) and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the district at Nashua and County Roads, Bedford; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33) and authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; furthermore, to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000) for the first year's interest payment; furthermore, in order to spread out over 10 years the capital costs that the district would otherwise have to pay to the City of Manchester within three (3) years under its current tuition arrangement, shall the district authorize the school board to execute on behalf of the district the twenty (20) year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District which will thereby reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated to fund the district's operating budget and default budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year, as provided for in Article XII of this warrant, by the sum of Three Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$3,135,846); and, shall the district direct the school board, when appropriate to provide for the transition of students to the new high school, to give notice of an early termination of the said Manchester Agreement, as provided for therein; and, finally, shall the district authorize the school board to take such other and further action with respect to such Agreement as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Article? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,379 votes; No – 3,410 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article III did not pass because the required 3/5ths vote was not obtained.

ARTICLE IV. *[Signing a maximum twenty (20) year high school tuition agreement with Manchester.] If and only if Article III passes, shall the school district authorize the school board to execute on behalf of the district the twenty (20) year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District, which will allow the district to continue sending its high school students to the City of Manchester for the duration of the contract or, if and when the district should decide otherwise, will allow the district to give notice of an early termination of such Agreement, as provided for therein; and which will spread out over 10 years the capital*

costs that the district would otherwise have to pay to the City of Manchester within 3 years under its current tuition arrangement and thereby reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated to fund the district's operating budget and default budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year, as provided for in Article XII of this warrant, by the sum of Three Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$3,135,846); and, finally, shall the district authorize the school board to take such other and further action with respect to such Agreement as may be appropriate to effectuate the purposes of this Article? (Majority ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 3,638 votes; No – 3,588 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IV did not pass because Article III failed.

ARTICLE V. *[Deficit appropriation to pay 2003/2004 capital costs to Manchester unanticipated at the March 2003 Annual School District Meeting.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,800,000) as a deficit appropriation for the 2003/2004 fiscal year to fund the first year of the district's share of the capital costs which the district is obligated to pay to the City of Manchester over 3 years under its current high school tuition arrangement and for which no appropriation was made at the 2003 Annual School District Meeting? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,481 votes; No – 3,145 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article V passed.

ARTICLE VI. *[Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Thirty-One Dollars (\$792,331) to fund those additional cost items related to the fifth year of a five-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2004/2005 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2003/2004 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 5,247 votes; No – 2,381 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VI passed.

ARTICLE VII. *[Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,629 votes; No – 3,022 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VII passed.

ARTICLE VIII. *[Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-One Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars (\$31,177) to fund those additional cost items related to the fourth year of a four-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2004/2005 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2003/2004 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 5,523 votes; No – 2,037 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article VIII passed.

ARTICLE IX. *[Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VIII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VIII cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,406 votes; No – 2,941 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article IX passed.

ARTICLE X. *[Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars (\$80,857) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a two-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2004/2005 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2003/2004 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 5,377 votes; No – 2,182 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article X passed.

ARTICLE XI. *[Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article X is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article X cost items? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,426 votes; No – 3,033 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XI passed.

ARTICLE XII. *[Operating budget.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Thirty-Nine*

Million Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars (\$39,683,572) except that the amount to be raised herein shall be Thirty-Six Million Five Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Six Dollars (\$36,547,726) if Article III passes? [Should this article be defeated and Article III fails, the operating budget shall be Thirty-Nine Million Two Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-One Dollars (\$39,299,721) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or should this article be defeated and Article III passes, the operating budget shall be Thirty-Six Million One Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$36,163,875) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)

- Yes – 4,422 votes; No – 3,125 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XII passed.

ARTICLE XIII. *[Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 6,092 votes; No – 1,457 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XIII passed.

ARTICLE XIV. *Shall we change the date for elections and the second session of the Annual School District Meeting from the second Tuesday in March to the second Tuesday in April, which would change the date for the first session of the Annual School District Meeting to a date between the first and second Saturdays after the last Monday in February, inclusive? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 2,201 votes; No – 5,278 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XIV did not pass.

ARTICLE XV. *If and only if Article III fails, shall the Bedford School District direct the School Board to explore in good faith the concept of tuitioning secondary school age students (as is currently done to Manchester) instead to a private, non-profit secondary school (such as a Bedford Academy) that does not place any incremental tax burden on the taxpayers of Bedford; and to delay approval and/or construction of a Bedford public high school while concurrently further developing the public high school concept; and to report findings to the Bedford School District by December 1, 2004? (By Petition) (The school board recommends a "yes" vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,988 votes; No – 2,557 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XV passed.

ARTICLE XVI. *If and only if Article III passes, shall the District authorize and direct the School Board to execute the twenty year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District consistent with the provisions of Article III? (By Petition) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes - 3,268 votes; No - 3,639 votes.

School District Moderator Bullock declared Article XVI did not pass because Article III failed.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Herdklotz, School District Clerk

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION

Session I – May 3, 2004

The Bedford School Board held Session I (Deliberative Session) in the McKelvie Middle School gymnasium on Monday, May 3, 2004, at 7 p.m.

School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the meeting at 7 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were approximately 325 people in the audience. Moderator Bullock introduced those seated up front: Chairman Paul Brock, Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan, Board Members Cindy Chagnon, Sue Thomas, and David Sacks (who arrived later in the meeting), Superintendent of Schools Ann Remus, Assistant Superintendents Chip McGee and Timothy Mayes, School District Counsel Eugene Van Loan, and School District Clerk Kathy Van Anglen.

Moderator Bullock thanked the assistant moderators, fire and police departments, and all others who helped put this session together.

Moderator Bullock said that absentee ballot applications are available at the Bedford Town Office, the Bedford Town Library, and the school district office on County Road. The vote on this warrant will be on June 1, 2004 at McKelvie Middle School from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Moderator Bullock reviewed the rules for procedure. He received a petition for secret ballots for all votes in this meeting.

ARTICLE I. *Shall the District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to approve and execute, on behalf of the District, the twenty year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District prior to the June 2, 2004 deadline, and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and furthermore, prior to opting out of said Tuition Agreement in this twenty year period, regardless of any contractual provisions permitting the School Board to so do, that the District shall require that the Bedford School Board obtain the consent of the voters, by a majority binding referendum vote, at the then next regularly scheduled School District Annual Meeting and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The School Board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Moderator Bullock asked if there were any comments.

Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird Drive: He thinks that this article is ill-advised, that it is a bad contract and that it will pay for schools that our children will not be attending. There isn't any protection from future tuition and cost increases from Manchester. There is a much better way to reduce taxes: SB336. The school board can and he hopes will call an emergency election before the property tax bill in December to look at the tax reduction we can get from bonding. The \$10.6 million from SB336 would approximately double what we would get from passing the contract. He is concerned that if the contract passes, the judge could find that the emergency no longer exists. He sees a greater tax reduction with SB336.

Representative John Graham, 8 Ministerial Circle: As a proposer of SB336, he urges everyone to vote for this Article. First, if we are looking at another special election if this article doesn't pass, we are right back here doing the same thing. Let this article pass if you want a high school. Then come back to the next session and let the school board look at the alternatives that they are looking at right now.

Dick Barr, 9 Polly Peabody Road: Voters have a right to choose how to vote. We screwed up the last time. Let's not do it again. This is the United States of America.

Gus Garceau, 214 North Amherst Road: People should vote No on Article I. We have the time to have another special election and the school board should look at that so they could reduce taxes. Voters can vote to bond the \$10.6 million through SB336 later in the year, which will be the cheaper way instead of voting Yes on Article I. The school board can continue looking at alternatives like Bedford Academy or a high school. Should have a financial plan in place for an academy or other alternatives.

Vice Chairman Dan Sullivan said that the problem with \$10.6 million being free money is that it is not. If you put both the bond and the high school together you will be paying a lot of interest. It should not be a cause to vote up or down on this contract or going on with the high school. We will go on with the intention of a high school in 2008, because this town will need it.

Moderator Bullock recognized that Board Member David Sacks was now present. He also thanked BCTV for broadcasting this session live for the first time.

Gus Garceau, 214 North Amherst Road: When it comes to capital financing, he did the numbers. If the contract goes forward we would be paying more in taxes per year than if we financed the \$10.6 million over 30 years or over 20 years.

Sue Downer, 78 Smith Road: If we do sign this 20-year contract her understanding is that we have to pay the first \$10 million over the first 10 years. If we brought it for 20 years wouldn't it be a lower rate since we are paying for it longer?

Chairman Brock said that the rate would be lower but the numbers of the actual dollar amount would be larger because of the finance charges.

Chairman Brock: Manchester High School system will be our high school. If we opt out of it in the five year increments it will be a different story.

Moderator Bullock mentioned that the Article appeared on the warrant at the last town meeting, not on the ballot at the last election, so it is not the same Article that was voted on last time.

Board Member Sacks mentioned that you couldn't vote on the same thing twice in a year. It has to be a separate Article.

Phil Bruno, 18 Beech Street: The contract was and is bad for Bedford. Compromise is a thing of the past. Voters should vote it down. Do what your conscience tells you.

Elaine Tefft, 3 Meetinghouse Road: There was no compromise. She hopes that the Article passes.

Chairman Brock and Vice Chairman Sullivan went over the capital expenditures and obligations of the contract. Vice Chairman Sullivan mentioned that we (school board) don't intend to be with Manchester in 20 years. Bedford will have over 1,000 children in about 8 years and we don't want out children split up among all the Manchester High Schools. The reason the Board is proposing this contract is that it gives us a place to educate our students while the Board is trying to plan for a high school in 2008, not before. Unless we start thinking as a town not as individuals nothing will get done. Taxes will be going up.

Norm Longval, 51 Wentworth Drive: Hopes Article 1 will pass. We do have a bailout capability in this contract.

Dave Michaels, 30 Maple Drive: He would like to propose an amendment to Article I. To take out the wording on the Article from after it says "RSA 194:22," to the end of "scheduled School District Annual Meeting." This leaves the School Board in the position they need to be in.

Seconded by a member of the audience.

Moderator Bullock mentioned we have a petition for secret ballot voting on this vote and all votes taking place this evening.

Roy Stewart, 19 Hickory Lane: There is no necessity for this motion.

Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird Drive: He has to agree with Roy. He opposes this amendment. The Article has to stand or fall by itself.

John Heneage, 28 County Road: Vote no on this amendment.

Board Member Sacks said that a 60% vote is needed to vote on a high school or the bond. This amendment is unwarranted, as leaving the contract will only require 50%, which it will clearly get if 60% are in favor of leaving to build a high school.

Karen Grimmett, 120 Blanford Place: She disagrees with this amendment.

Ken Hawkins, 1 Barrington Drive: Call the question.

Moderator Bullock called for the voice vote to terminate discussion. The Yes's have it.

Moderator Bullock read amended Article 1.

ARTICLE I. *Shall the District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to approve and execute, on behalf of the District, the twenty year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District prior to the June 2, 2004 deadline, and to submit to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article?*

Moderator Bullock clarified that to vote: Yes, you will be amending Article I. He explained the procedure for voting.

Moderator Bullock closed the voting. The results are 76 – Yes and 245 – No on the amended Article I. Article I stands as originally written.

No further discussion.

Bill Stoddart, 59 Perry Road: The school isn't the real issue when it comes to taxes. The real issue with taxes will be when property reevaluations come out. Moderator Bullock expressed that this isn't relevant to tonight's meeting.

Moderator Bullock read Article II and the note.

ARTICLE II. *(Special Warrant Article) If Article I passes, shall the District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated to fund the District's operating budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year as provided for in Article XII on the ballot at the annual meeting of March 9, 2004, which was passed by the voters at said meeting, by the sum of Three Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$3,135,846)? (The School Board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Note: The effect of Article I is to spread out over ten years capital costs that the district would otherwise have to pay in three years. Thus if Article I passes, Article II authorizes a resulting reduction of \$3,135,846 in the 2004/2005 school district budget.

Gus Garceau, 214 North Amherst Road: Last year we voted to deficit appropriate money for capital expenditures and the operating budget. Can't we bond it? He asked for clarification on expenses.

Chairman Brock said we appropriated \$4.4 million for the capital tuition. Board Member Sue Thomas said that we owe Manchester \$1.8 million right now for the school year. It is part of the \$10.6 million.

Moderator Bullock asked if there was any other discussion on Article II. He then reminded the audience of Absentee Ballots. The election is June 1, 2004. Moderator Bullock adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. Van Anglen, School District Clerk

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
BALLOT VOTE**

Session II – June 1, 2004

Bedford School District Moderator Ryk Bullock opened the polls in the gymnasium at the McKelvie Middle School at 7:00 a.m. At 7:00 p.m., Moderator Bullock closed the polls.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., after all ballots were tallied and accounted for, Moderator Bullock announced that the necessary 6,800 ballot votes needed to validate the Special School District Election were not received. A total of 4,951 ballots were cast (4,756 regular votes, 195 absentee votes).

The outcome of the voting is as follows:

ARTICLE I. *Shall the District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to approve and execute, on behalf of the District, the twenty year High School Maintenance (Tuition) Agreement with the Manchester School District prior to the June 2, 2004 deadline, and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and furthermore, prior to opting out of said Tuition Agreement in this twenty year period, regardless of any contractual provisions permitting the School Board to so do, that the District shall require that the Bedford School Board obtain the consent of the voters, by a majority binding referendum vote, at the then next regularly scheduled School District Annual Meeting and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? (By Petition) (The School Board recommends a “yes” vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

- Yes – 4,552 votes; No – 386 votes. (Vote invalid due to insufficient number of ballots cast.)

ARTICLE II. *(Special Warrant Article) If Article I passes, shall the District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to reduce the amount to be raised and appropriated to fund the District’s operating budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year as provided for in Article XII on the ballot at the annual meeting of March 9, 2004, which was passed by the voters at said meeting, by the sum of Three Million One Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$3,135,846)? (The School Board recommends a “yes” vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

Note: The effect of Article I is to spread out over ten years capital costs that the district would otherwise have to pay in three years. Thus if Article I passes, Article II authorizes a resulting reduction of \$3,135,846 in the 2004/2005 school district budget.

- Yes – 4,674 votes; No – 255 votes. (Vote invalid due to insufficient number of ballots cast.)

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Van Anglen, School District Clerk

**SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELECTION BALLOT**

AND

**2004/2005 PROPOSED BUDGET
INFORMATION**

**Bedford, New Hampshire
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION**

Tuesday, March 8, 2005
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

McKelvie Middle School

Ballot Questions

ARTICLE I. To elect all necessary school district officials:

- For School Board (3-year term) - Vote for not more than two (2)
 - "Steve" Beals
 - Robert Donahue
 - "Bill" Foote
 - "Dan" Sullivan
 - _____ (Write-in)
 - _____ (Write-in)

ARTICLE II. [Construction of a grades 7/8 middle school/grades 9/12 high school complex, including furnishings and equipment.] (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate a total sum of Forty Nine Million Six Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Dollars (\$49,682,000) (Gross Budget) for the purposes of constructing and equipping a new grades 7 and 8 middle school and grades 9 through 12 high school complex and associated facilities to be located on land owned by the district at Nashua and County Roads, Bedford; and, in order to finance said project, shall the district authorize the issuance of bonds or notes of not more than the total amount of Forty Nine Million Six Hundred Eighty Two Thousand Dollars (\$49,682,000) for such purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33); and shall it authorize the school board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities and other terms thereof; furthermore, shall the district raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of One Million One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Five Dollars (\$1,117,845) for the first year's interest payment? **(The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE III. [Funding the design of a road connecting Nashua and Wallace Roads.] (Special Warrant Article) If Article II passes, shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000), some or all of which may be reimbursed in the future by state and federal monies, to fund the design of a road between Nashua and Wallace Roads connecting to a new grades 7 and 8 middle school and grades 9 through 12 high school complex, the design to be completed in cooperation with the Town of Bedford and State of New Hampshire as part of the Route 101 Corridor Study? **(The school board recommends a "yes" vote on this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE IV. [Negotiated salary increase for the teaching staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three Dollars (\$475,673) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 2005/2006 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2004/2005 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE V. [Conditional article for teaching staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article IV is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article IV cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VI. [Negotiated salary increase for the custodial/maintenance staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Twenty Five Dollars (\$35,025) to fund those additional cost items related to the first year of a three-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 2005/2006 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2004/2005 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VII. [Conditional article for the custodial/maintenance staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VI is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VI cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE VIII. [Negotiated salary increase for the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Dollars (\$99,840) to fund those additional cost items related to the second year of a two-year collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Personnel Association for the 2005/2006 school year which resulted from negotiations with the secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 2004/2005 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE IX. [Conditional article for secretaries, clerks, instructional teaching assistants, and kitchen staff salaries.] Shall the school district, if Article VIII is defeated, authorize the school board to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article VIII cost items only? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE X. [Operating budget.] Shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Forty One

Million Ninety Two Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety Nine Dollars (\$41,092,299)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Forty Million Six Hundred Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty Eight Dollars (\$40,602,648) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the school district or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] *Note: This Warrant Article (operating budget) does not include appropriations provided for in ANY other warrant article. (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)*

ARTICLE XI. [Acceptance of gifts.] Shall the school board be authorized to accept on behalf of the district, without further action by the voters, gifts, legacies and devises of real or personal property which may become available to the district during the fiscal year? **(The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XII. (Special Warrant Article) Shall the Bedford School District direct and authorize the School Board, in accordance with RSA 194:22-194:23, to sign, not later than March 31, 2005, the proposed and published tuition agreement/contract dated November 22, 2004, with the Bedford Academy, a non-profit public academy comprising a span of grades beginning with grade 9 and ending with grade 12, as further described in the proposed and published Bedford Academy business case dated November 22, 2004, that has been established in and will serve as the high school for Bedford; and direct and authorize the School Board to raise and appropriate money to effectuate said contract; and direct that upon approval of said contract by the State Board of Education, the Bedford Academy shall be deemed the high school maintained by the School District? **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XIII. Shall the voters of the Bedford School District rescind any and all previous authorizations given by the voters to spend any funds, including District Trust Funds, for school facility long range planning purposes without specific voter approval? This rescindment shall not apply to per item facility long range planning expenditures of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) or less per year. **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XIV. (Special Warrant Article) Shall the Bedford School Board be directed to ask the Manchester Board of School Committee (Manchester School District) to allow the Bedford School District to join the twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement, as presently signed by the School Districts of Manchester, Hooksett, Auburn and Candia, and if such permission is granted by the Manchester School District, then that the Bedford School District authorizes and directs the Bedford School Board to approve and execute, on behalf of the District, the twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement with the Manchester School District, and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22, and furthermore, prior to opting out of said High School Maintenance Agreement in this twenty year period, regardless of any contractual provisions permitting the School Board to so do, that the District shall require that the Bedford School Board obtain the consent of the voters, by a majority binding referendum vote, at the then next regularly scheduled School District Annual Meeting and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XV. (Special Warrant Article) Shall the Bedford School District authorize and direct the Bedford School Board to request to negotiate, in good faith, with the Manchester Board of School Committee (Manchester School District) a contract equivalent to the twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement, as presently signed by the School Districts of Manchester, Hooksett, Auburn and Candia or in lieu of negotiating a new contract, to negotiate provisions, revisions and/or appropriate contract extensions, as necessary, to allow the Bedford School District to join the existing twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement, and provided the Manchester Board of School Committee agrees to negotiate in good faith, and provided that said negotiations are completed within 270 calendar days from the passage of this Article, then the Bedford School District authorizes and directs the Bedford School Board to approve and execute, on behalf of the District, either the equivalent Agreement or the as revised twenty year High School Maintenance Agreement with the Manchester School District, and to submit it to the New Hampshire State Board of Education for approval pursuant to RSA 194:22; and furthermore prior to opting out of said Agreement in this twenty year period, regardless of any contractual provisions permitting the Bedford School Board to so do, that the District shall require that the Bedford School Board obtain the consent of the District voters, by a majority binding referendum vote, at the then next regularly scheduled School District Annual Meeting and to take any other and further actions necessary to give effect to this article? **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “no” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XVI. Shall the School District, if Article II is approved, consider the approval of Article II as meeting the requirement of Article XIV and/or Article XV with respect to approval by the District to give notice of termination of the 20 Year Tuition Agreement with the City of Manchester if Article XIV and/or Article XV is approved? **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a “yes” vote upon this question.) (Majority ballot vote required.)**

ARTICLE XVII. (Special Warrant Article) Shall the School District, under Chapter 27 – Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, as may be amended by Senate Bill 68 of the 2005 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives, do the following:

- (A) Authorize the School Board, on behalf of the School District, to raise the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for the purpose of:
 - (1) (a) funding the payment of Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000) to the City of Manchester, the final capital portion of the payments provided for in the July 1, 2003 Agreement with the City of Manchester and (b) reducing ARTICLE X, the operating budget, by Four Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$4,400,000).
 - (2) funding payments for other costs, not more than \$10,600,000 less the payment to Manchester in (1), of the proportional cost of the 9-12 High School portion of the 7-8 Middle School and 9-12 High School Complex, if SB 68 is enacted. The 9-12 High School proportional cost is equal to the total costs for the development of the high school on a stand-alone basis. The stand-alone cost for the high school is \$35,276,000, the sum of (i) the building cost of \$31,868,000, (ii) \$2,700,000 for the construction of

off site utilities, (iii) \$645,000 for the construction of fields, and (iv) \$63,000 for the construction of additional tennis courts.

Other costs are defined as the either/and/or (i) the cost to construct an access road to the Complex from the northeast corner of the District owned property to Wallace Road along the existing County Road right of way owned by the Town, (ii) interest due on the bond approved under ARTICLE II, (iii) start-up cost for the high school.

- (B) In order to finance such payments, authorize the issuance of bonds or notes for the sum of Ten Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$10,600,000) for such purpose in accordance with the provisions of Senate Bill 336 of the 2004 Session of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New Hampshire, as amended by SB 68, in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA Chapter 33, except as provided for in Senate Bill 336 amended), and authorize the School Board to negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon and the maturities, not less than 10 or more than 30 years, and other terms thereof, and to raise and appropriate by general taxation the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) for the first year's interest payment on the bonds or notes issued hereby?

(Approval of this Article will reduce the amount of revenues that will be raised by general taxation for 2005 and possibly thru 2009. The reduction in general taxes will be amortized over the term of the bonds or notes issued hereby.) **(By Petition) (The school board recommends a "no" vote upon this question.) (3/5ths ballot vote required.)**

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET 2003-04	EXPENDED 2003-04	BUDGET 2004-05	PROPOSED BGT. 2005-06
PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$2,203,100	\$2,081,556	\$2,367,587	\$2,475,799
Supplies & Texts	125,645	136,743	112,626	137,335
Furniture & Equipment	24,081	37,029	24,073	30,414
Utilities	63,408	66,141	71,243	81,844
Other	26,279	20,821	23,828	22,888
TOTAL	\$2,442,513	\$2,342,290	\$2,599,357	\$2,748,280
MEMORIAL SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$1,870,531	\$1,933,763	\$1,983,769	\$2,093,773
Supplies & Texts	109,558	123,795	102,313	111,312
Furniture & Equipment	22,169	24,840	26,446	33,040
Utilities	57,654	55,187	57,478	74,265
Other	22,099	17,328	19,648	22,436
TOTAL	\$2,082,011	\$2,154,913	\$2,189,654	\$2,334,826
RIDDLE BROOK SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$2,073,590	\$2,064,611	\$2,286,144	\$2,390,672
Supplies & Texts	144,215	148,488	134,763	158,570
Furniture & Equipment	20,203	19,926	22,623	35,345
Utilities	118,323	134,155	132,038	163,104
Other	28,255	21,766	24,750	24,864
TOTAL	\$2,384,586	\$2,388,946	\$2,600,318	\$2,772,555
McKELVIE MIDDLE SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$3,802,721	\$3,783,582	\$3,911,126	\$4,032,224
Supplies & Texts	123,081	147,397	104,161	108,873
Furniture & Equipment	38,037	37,412	43,171	46,290
Utilities	114,393	112,094	118,807	140,384
Other	49,723	42,191	44,434	53,044
TOTAL	\$4,127,955	\$4,122,676	\$4,221,699	\$4,380,815
HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION				
Tuition	\$7,394,500	\$7,120,915	\$10,215,600	\$9,980,500
Census & Attendance	2,000	2,928	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	\$7,396,500	\$7,123,843	\$10,217,600	\$9,982,500
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Salaries	\$3,206,985	\$2,963,122	\$3,323,323	\$3,595,368
Supplies, Texts & Equipment	47,285	52,080	47,532	48,188
Psyc & Other Support Services	786,709	665,579	879,020	890,894
Tuition	1,699,599	1,516,353	1,507,909	1,461,334
Federal Funds	387,089	387,089	458,586	515,168
Transportation	572,614	528,581	556,970	514,249
Other	11,800	15,322	13,300	16,000
TOTAL	\$6,712,081	\$6,128,126	\$6,786,640	\$7,041,201

	BUDGET 2003-04	EXPENDED 2003-04	BUDGET 2004-05	PROPOSED BGT. 2005-06
DISTRICT WIDE				
Salaries	\$725,025	\$714,487	\$769,252	\$787,337
Supplies, Text & Equipment	204,129	216,162	106,356	132,820
Insurance	57,750	57,159	71,580	73,935
Benefits	5,645,203	5,457,327	6,382,922	6,850,781
Regular Transportation	1,000,263	964,943	1,021,090	1,084,428
Federal Funds	104,897	104,897	121,419	123,387
Debt Service/Capital Reserve	1,085,406	1,085,405	1,083,080	2,174,869
Other	139,181	136,974	163,692	161,575
TOTAL	\$8,961,854	\$8,737,354	\$9,719,391	\$11,389,132
SCHOOL BD & DISTRICT OFFICERS				
Salaries	\$3,900	\$6,975	\$3,900	\$3,900
Services & Supplies	103,849	179,239	132,000	321,500
Hiring, Printing & Dues	32,481	30,609	39,805	34,611
TOTAL	\$140,230	\$216,823	\$175,705	\$360,011
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT				
Salaries	\$513,329	\$472,313	\$487,139	\$505,307
Services	9,000	6,492	9,000	9,254
Supplies & Equipment	11,049	13,014	12,000	13,000
Utilities	16,590	11,851	15,500	16,300
Travel, Meetings & Dues	13,697	13,601	13,995	13,400
TOTAL	\$563,665	\$517,271	\$537,634	\$557,261
MAINTENANCE				
Salaries	\$159,692	\$153,459	\$163,552	\$167,972
Supplies, Equipment & Repairs	263,925	368,954	594,656	443,670
Contracted Services	45,000	32,673	45,000	40,500
Utilities	83,644	57,103	92,878	84,937
TOTAL	\$552,261	\$612,189	\$896,086	\$737,079
FOOD SERVICE				
Salaries	\$239,517	\$239,944	\$240,708	\$252,699
Supplies & Equipment	336,601	411,849	352,551	399,001
Benefits	50,594	54,001	50,594	65,322
TOTAL	\$626,712	\$705,794	\$643,853	\$717,022
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$35,990,368	\$35,050,225	\$40,587,937	\$43,020,682

Note: The 2003/2004 Budget includes a \$1,800,000 deficit appropriation approved in March 2004.

The 2005/2006 Proposed Budget included all School Board warrant articles.

**BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVENUES AND CREDITS
2005-2006**

DESCRIPTION	Approved 2003-04	Actuals 2003-04	Approved 2004-05	Proposed 2005-06
RESERVED FOR AMOUNTS VOTED	\$297,083	\$297,083	\$0	\$0
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE	300,000	482,437	1,482,973	1,100,000
REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES				
School Building Aid	195,126	195,126	184,964	196,750
Handicapped Aid - Catastrophic	439,373	595,403	420,158	420,158
Child Nutrition Program	11,336	12,051	10,586	11,700
Driver Education	0	14,550	0	3,125
REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES				
Grants	104,897	243,655	121,419	133,669
Child Nutrition Program	59,559	59,061	62,436	69,696
Handicapped Program				
IDEA & Preschool Incentive	387,089	455,465	515,168	515,168
Medicaid	50,000	210,328	50,000	100,000
OTHER SOURCES				
Sale of Bonds or Notes	0	0	0	49,682,000
Transfer from Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	0	0	0	0
Transfer from Expendable Trust Fund	0	0	0	0
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES				
Tuition - Regular Day School	0	0	0	0
Tuition - Summer School	10,000	7,000	0	0
Transp. Fees - Regular Day School	45,000	48,800	45,000	45,000
Earnings on Investments	45,000	19,752	30,000	964,566
Food Service Sales	534,089	598,435	566,530	622,465
Rental of Facilities	6,000	1,548	6,000	1,500
Other	0	35,598	0	0
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS	\$2,484,552	\$3,276,292	\$3,495,234	\$53,865,797
STATE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT*			8,196,273	8,191,140
ADEQUACY EDUCATION GRANT*			3,372,780	4,532,180
LOCAL SCHOOL ASSESSMENT			25,523,650	26,113,565
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**			\$40,587,937	\$43,020,682

*The state school assessment and the adequate education grant values for the proposed 2005/2006 budget are best estimates given the information available at the time of printing. Data for the State School Tax Assessment and the State Adequacy Grant were provided by the NH Department of Education as of 11/15/04.

**The 2004/2005 Total Appropriations was reduced by the \$1,800,000 deficit appropriation for 2003/2004.

THE REAL COST OF EDUCATION BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MANCHESTER

In 2005/2006, the Bedford School District will be entering the final year of a three-year tuition agreement with Manchester.

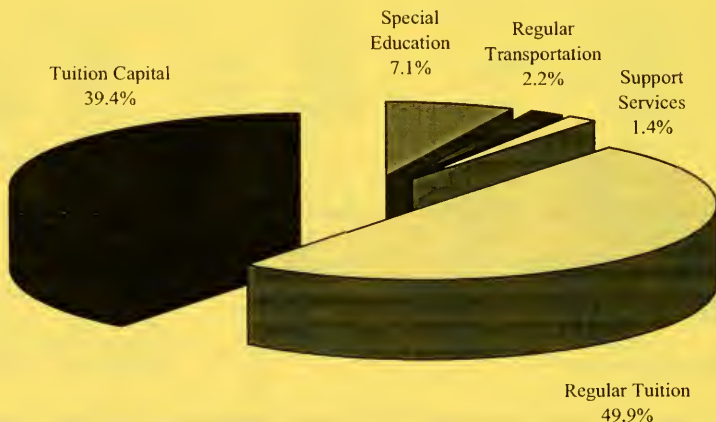
We commonly equate the cost of educating Bedford high school students with the per pupil tuition amount that is billed by the Manchester School District. What is not generally known or understood is that there are numerous programs and services that Manchester provides at an additional cost and/or that the Bedford School District provides which are not part of the basic contract with Manchester.

While we cannot accurately estimate the cost of indirect services provided to our high school population on the part of administrative personnel, the total of \$11,176,597 is a more accurate reflection of high school costs in Manchester.

The total cost, therefore, to the Bedford School District for the education of high school students in Manchester can be summarized as follows based on the proposed 2005/2006 budget:

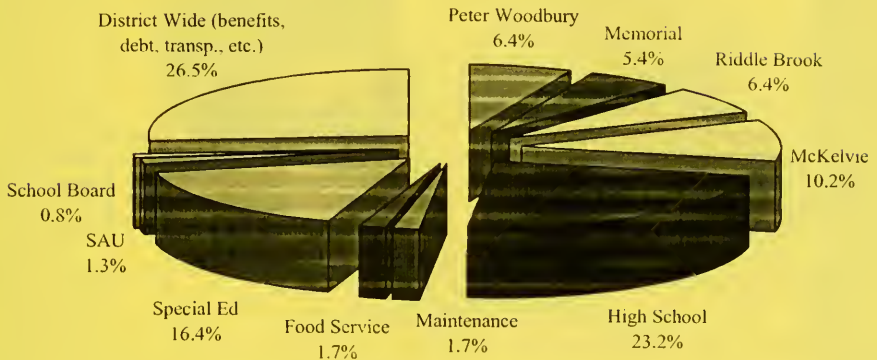
Regular Tuition	\$5,580,500
Capital Tuition	4,400,000
Regular Transportation	246,960
Special Education (salaries, supplies, tuition, transportation)	792,475
Support Services (guidance, LRS, speech, occupational & physical therapy, psychological services)	<u>156,662</u>
	\$11,176,597

TOTAL COST BY PERCENTAGE



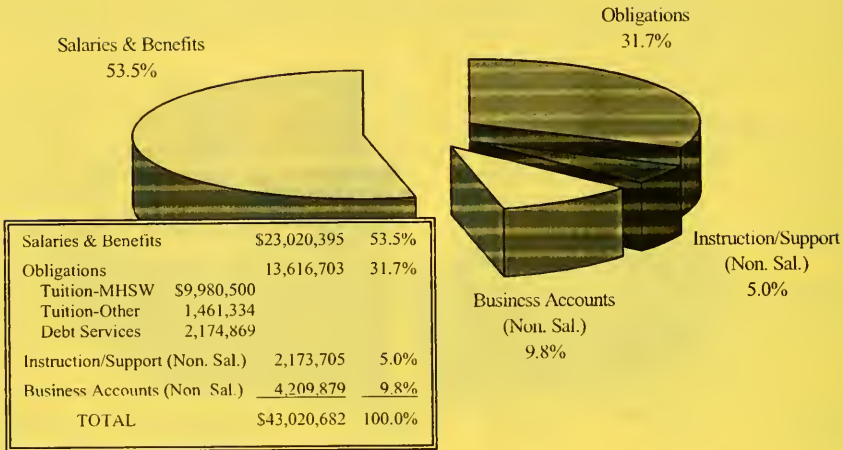
2005-2006 PROPOSED BUDGET ANALYSIS

The following is an analysis of the proposed school district budget:



The above analysis of the budget allocates costs to the schools, departments, and programs for which they are incurred. The chart provides a quick visual comparison of the total budget.

2005-2006 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENSE ANALYSIS



2005-2006 PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUE ANALYSIS



RESIDENT SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

9/04

SCHOOL	K	Gr.1	Gr.2	Gr.3	Gr.4	Gr.5	Gr.6	Gr.7	Gr.8	Gr.9	Gr.10	Gr.11	Gr.12	Total 9/04	9/03
Memorial	61	88	95	82	69	90								485	500
Peter Woodbury	75	103	137	114	114	115								658	672
Riddle Brook	88	121	130	128	117	150								734	703
McKelvie							328	323	321					972	935
West High										238	215	211	180	844	828
Central High										0	0	0	3	3	3
Memorial High										0	2	1	1	4	5
Bishop Brady										18	13	11	4	46	30
Bishop Guertin										16	19	17	10	62	50
Derryfield							12	24	6	16	14	22	21	115	117
Grace Christian	0	2	2	1	4	0	0	0	0					9	11
Mt. Saint Mary	1	2	0	1	0	2	0							6	6
Mt. Zion	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	2	2	20	15
Nashua Christian	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	1	2	1	13	17
Phillips Exeter										1	1	0	1	3	3
St. Benedict	8	2	4	1	2	2	1							20	12
St. Casimir	0	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	2					9	6
St. Catherine	3	2	1	0	2	3	0							11	6
St. Paul's										0	2	1	2	5	7
Trinity										28	18	27	23	96	93
Villa Augustina	7	2	2	2	2	4	1	2	2					24	21
*Other	112	10	9	8	6	9	10	14	20	14	16	17	10	255	227
TOTAL	355	337	383	338	319	379	355	367	353	336	303	311	258	4394	4267

*Includes BSD special education out-of-district enrollments

COST OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

	2002-2003	2003-2004
EXPENDITURES	\$6,789,150	\$7,362,513
REVENUES		
State Sources		
- Catastrophic Aid	588,369	595,403
- Adequacy Allocation	1,364,794	1,396,341
Federal Sources		
- Individuals with Disabilities Act	398,741	455,465
- Medicaid Funds	125,433	210,328
Other Sources		
- Tuition	0	0
TOTAL Revenues	\$2,477,337	\$2,657,537
NET SPECIAL EDUCATION COST	\$4,311,813	\$4,704,976

BOND MATURITY SCHEDULE (FY 2005)

Project	Principal	Balance	Retirement
Riddle Brook School	\$395,000	\$5,529,400	2019/2020
Riddle Brook School Addition/ SAU Office Addition	\$320,000	\$2,560,000	2013/2014

EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

Trust	2004-2005 Contribution	*Balance
Maintenance	\$0	\$40,470
Tuition	\$0	\$123,686
Land	\$0	\$490,031
New School Fund	\$0	\$165,159

*As of June 30, 2004

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Plodzik & Sanderson

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To the Members of the School Board
Bedford School District
Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2004 which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bedford School District as of June 30, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 2, as of July 1, 2003, the School District has implemented a new financial reporting model, as required by the provision for the GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated October 8, 2004 on our consideration of the School District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to

provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United State of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Bedford School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund statements and schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements of the Bedford School District. The combining and individual fund financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

October 8, 2004

PLODZIK & SANDERSON,
Professional Association

NOTE: The complete audit is available for viewing in the SAU #25 office building.

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